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A Blade from Far Away

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The Story Thus Far

Creatures known as Yoma have long preyed on humans, who were once powerless against their predators. But now mankind has developed female warriors who are half human and half monster, with silver eyes that can see the monsters' true form. These warriors came to be called Claymores after the immense broadswords that they carried.



Thanks to Clarice and Miata, the defense of the Holy City of Rabona is successful. Priscilla wins her fight against the one who surpasses an Abyssal One, and Miria and the others try to maneuver a clash between her and Cassandra!!

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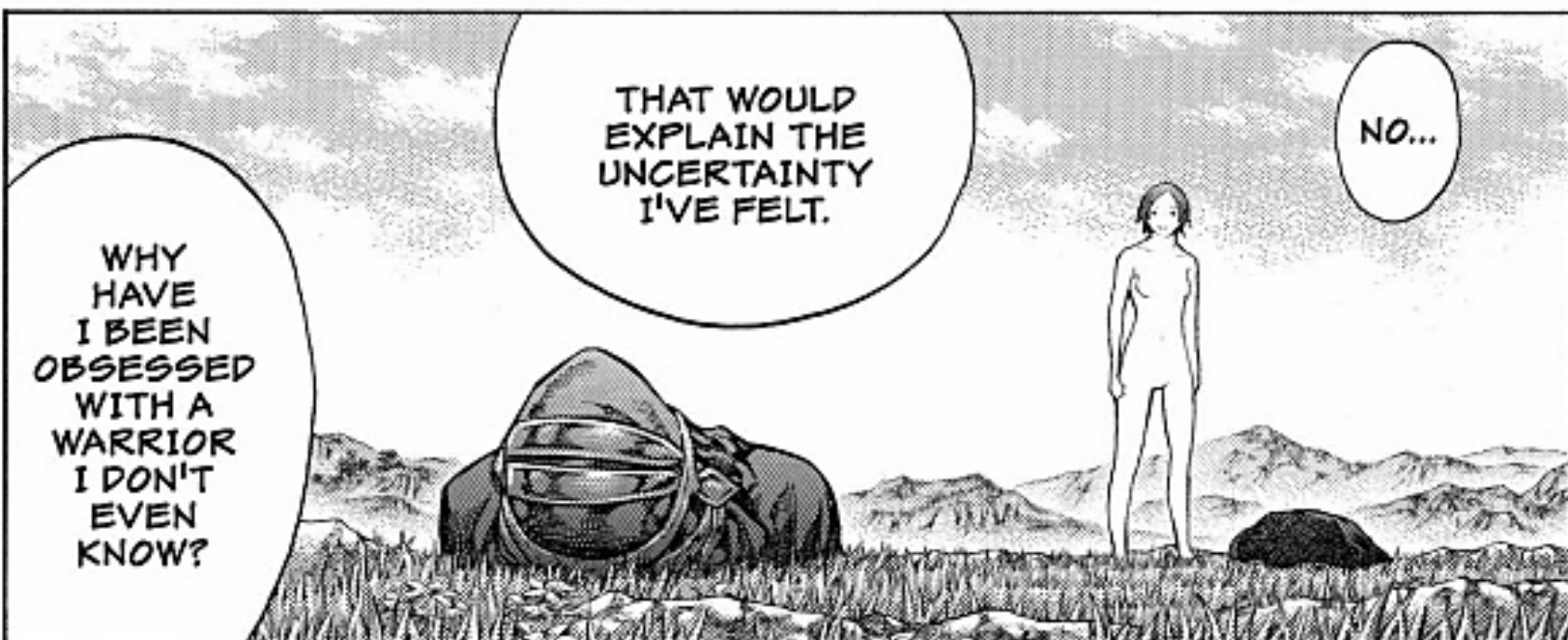
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SCENE 144: A BLADE FROM FAR AWAY, PART I



IT WAS
MY FIRST
AND
GREATEST
HOPE AS
A HUMAN.



I
SUPPOSE
I HOPED
SHE COULD
KILL ME.

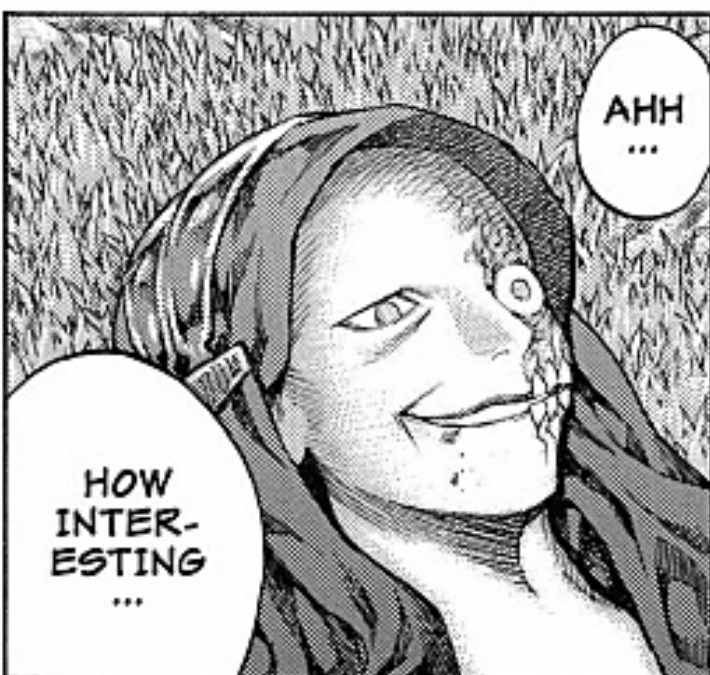
BEFORE
I KNEW IT,
I WAS
PURSUING
HER.

THAT
FEELING
REMAINED
IN ME
LIKE CLAW
MARKS.

FOR YEARS,
I RELIED
ON A FAINT
SCENT
CLINGING TO
A YOUNG MAN.



HOW
INTER-
ESTING
...



AHH
...

SHE HAD
BECOME A
WARRIOR...

...AND I WAS
THRILLED AT
THE CHANCE
TO KILL THE
SAME PERSON
AGAIN.



AND
FINALLY
WE
MET.

YOU MIGHT
EVEN SAY
IT IS
DRAMATIC
AND
ROMANTIC!



YES,
THAT
MUCH IS
INTER-
ESTING.

...THAT THE
GIRL HADN'T
RECEIVED
ANY OF THE
WARRIOR'S
POWER.

EVEN
AWAKENED,
SHE WOULD BE
AN AVERAGE
AWAKENED
BEING.



HOW
UNFOR-
TUNATE,
THEN...

...THAT
UNFOR-
TUNATELY
LED TO THE
WEAKEST
RESULTS.

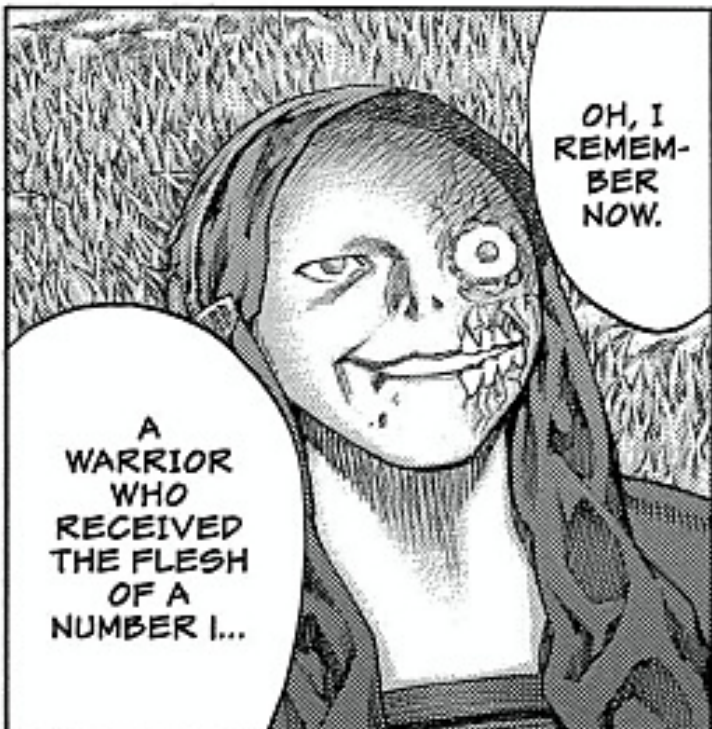


A NEW
EXPERIMENT
CROSSING
A HALF-
YOMA AND
HUMAN...

...NO ONE
EXISTS
WHO CAN
DEFEAT
YOU.

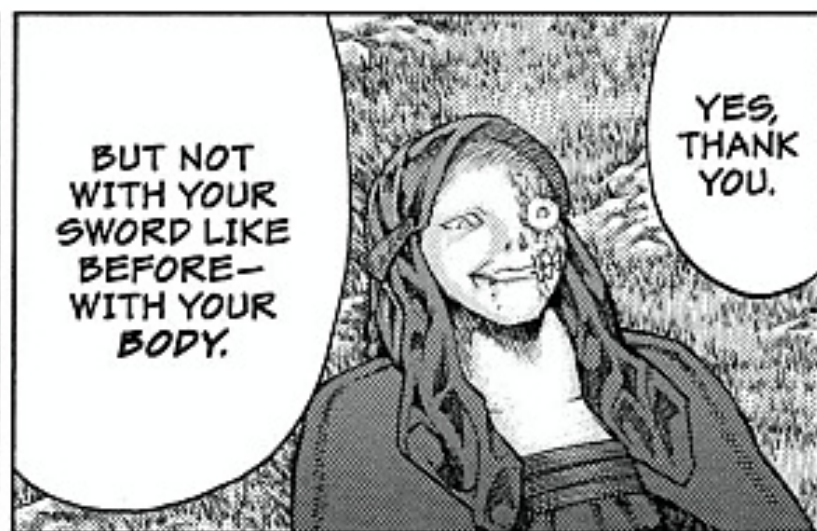


NOW
THAT THE
ORGANI-
ZATION
IS
GONE...

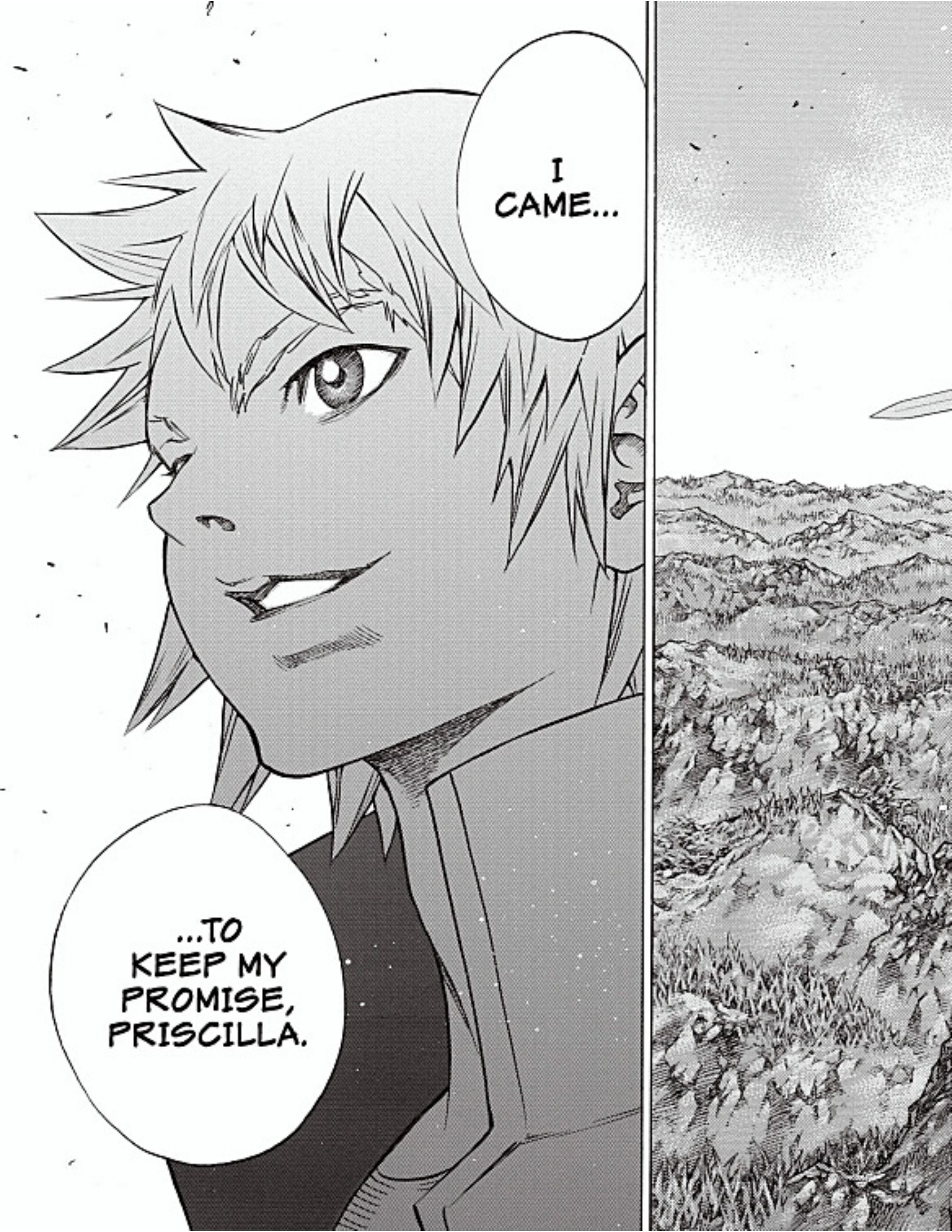


OH, I
REMEM-
BER
NOW.

A
WARRIOR
WHO
RECEIVED
THE FLESH
OF A
NUMBER 1...

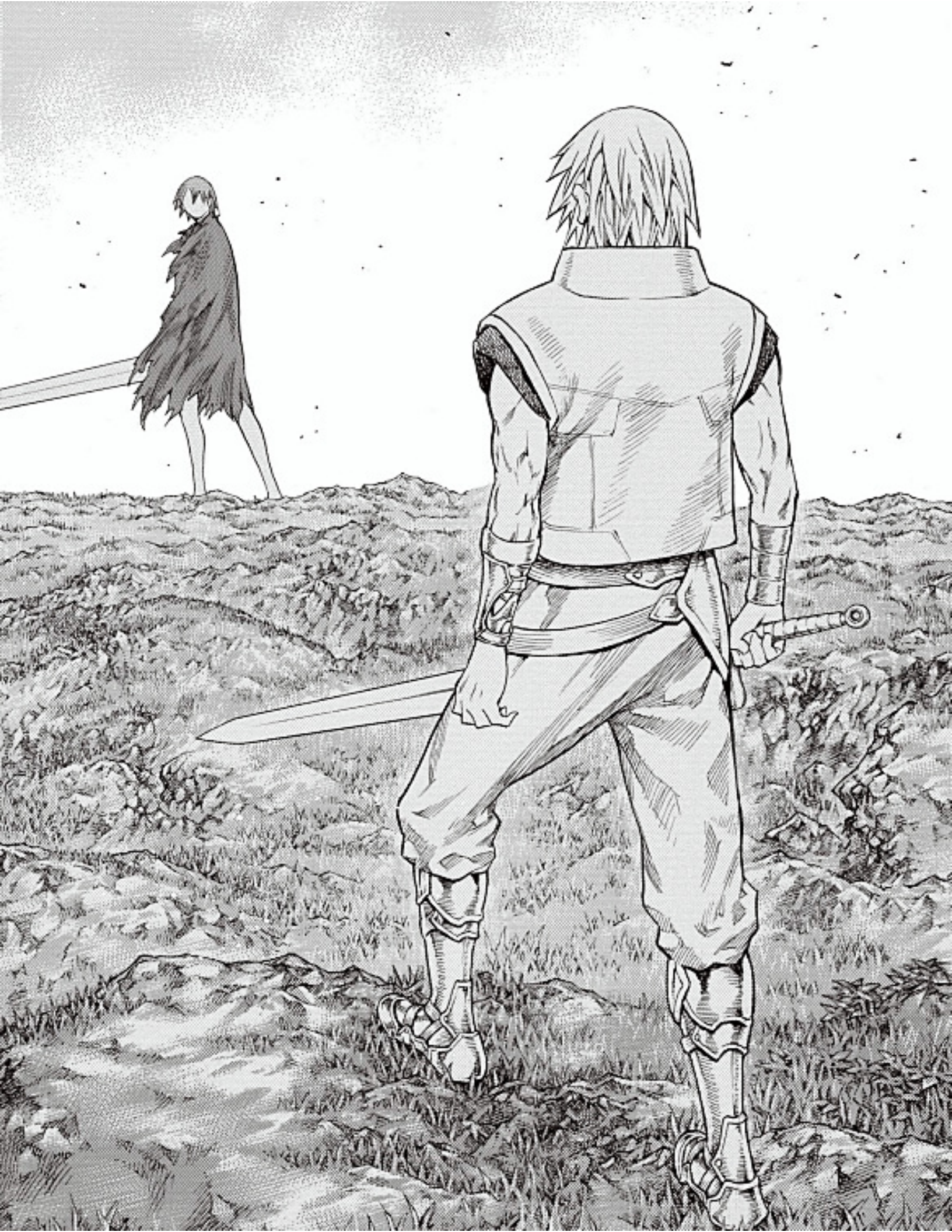


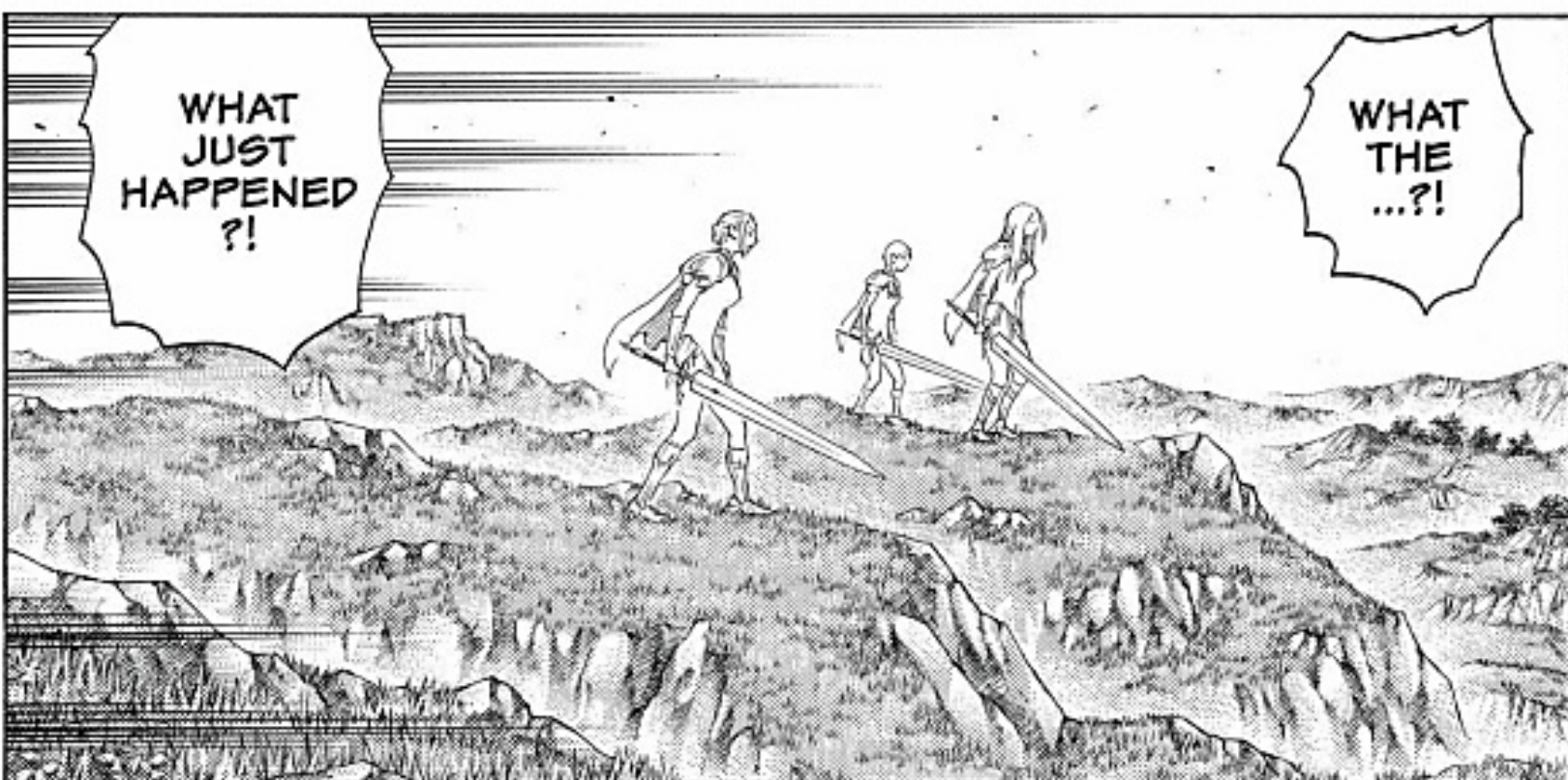
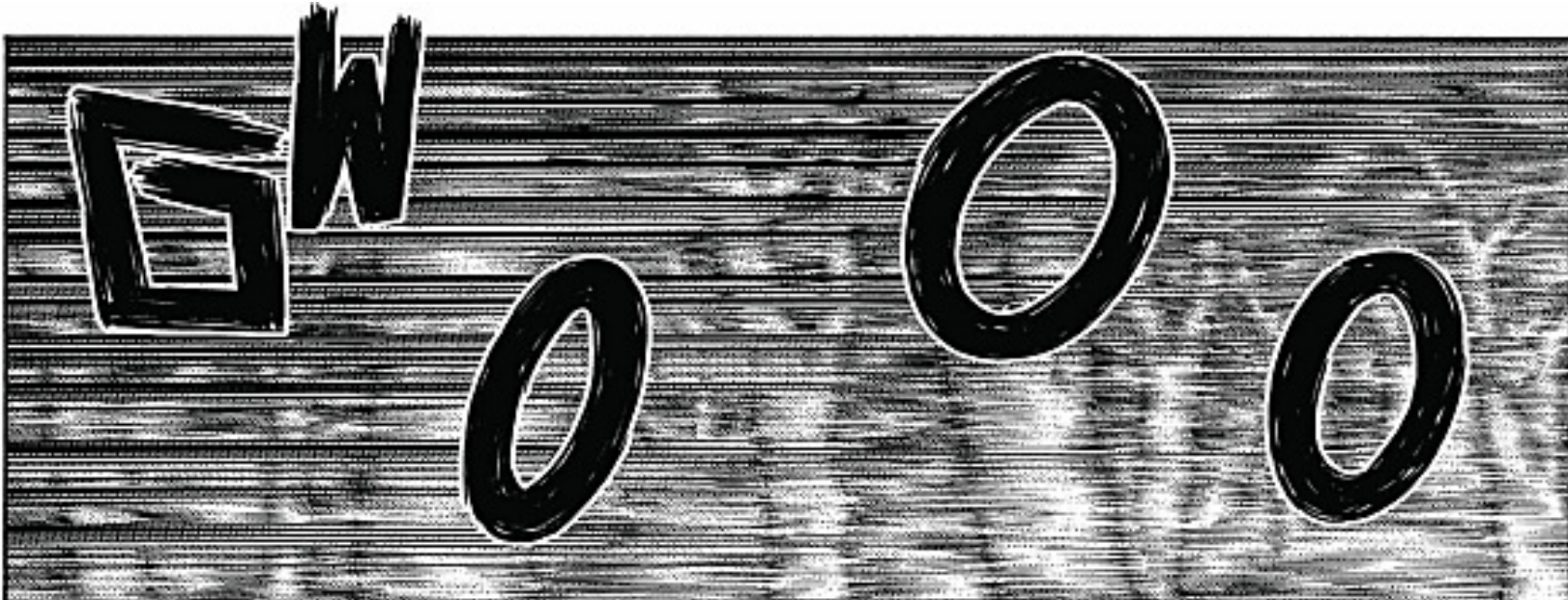


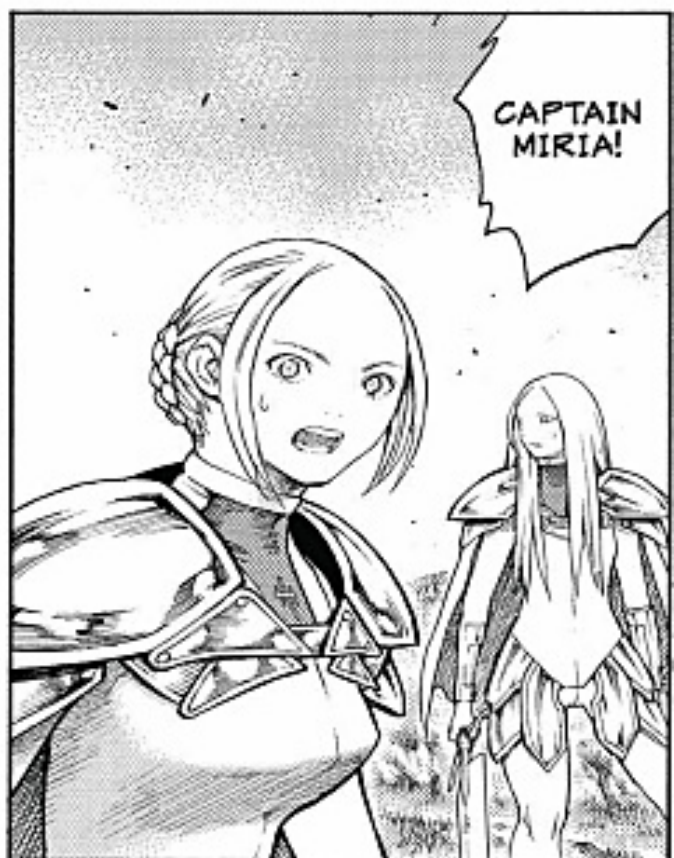
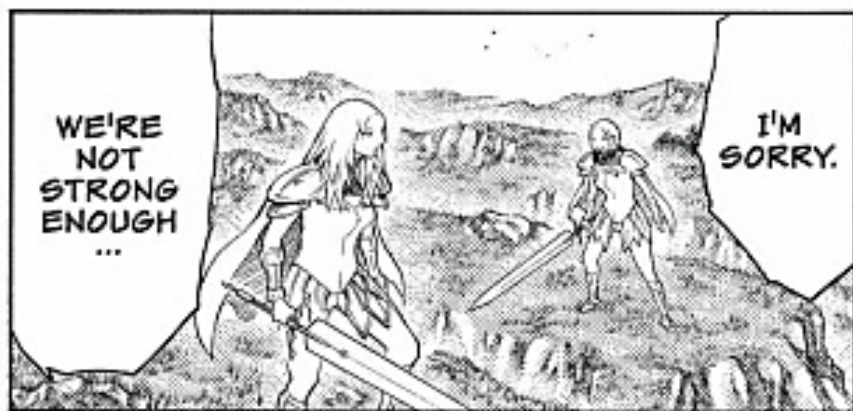


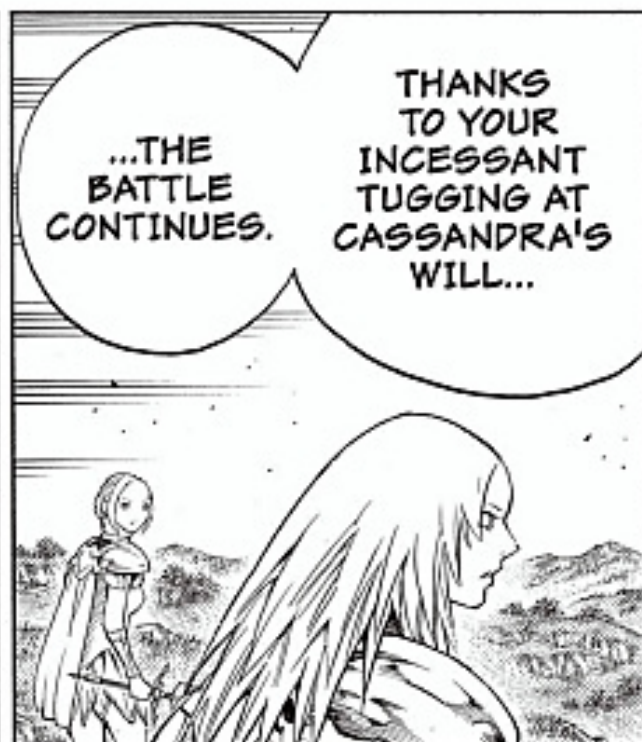
I
CAME...

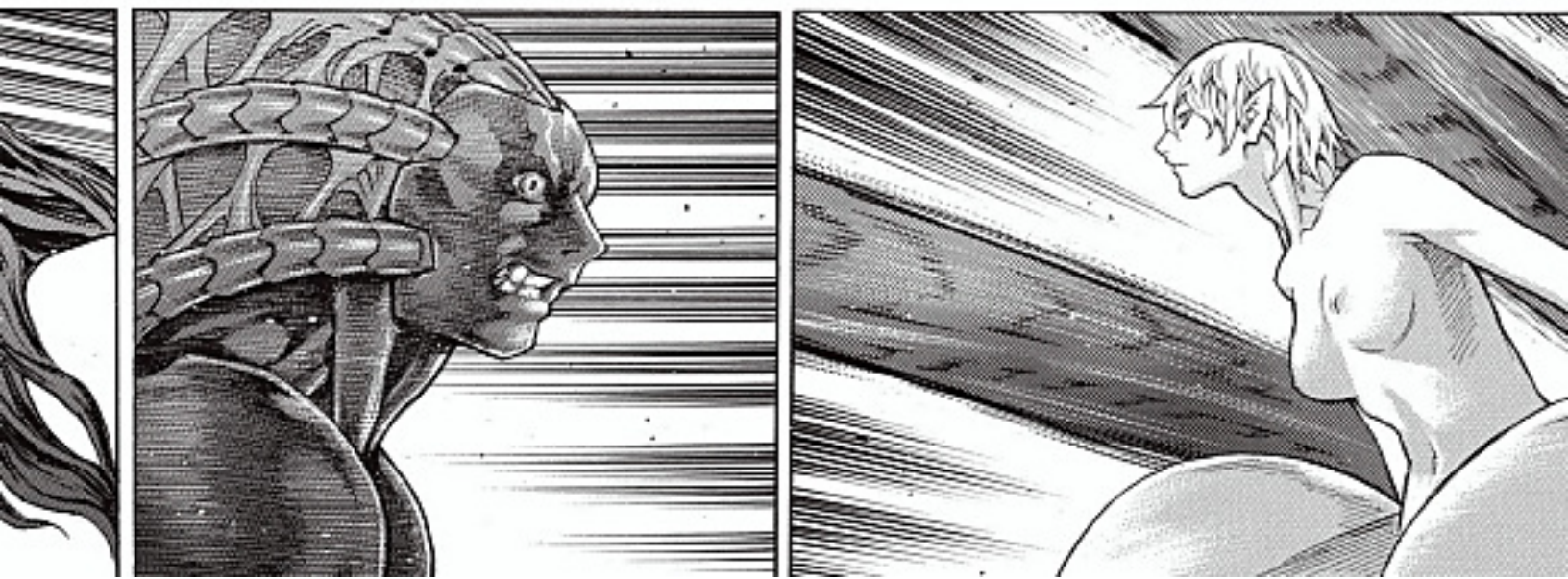
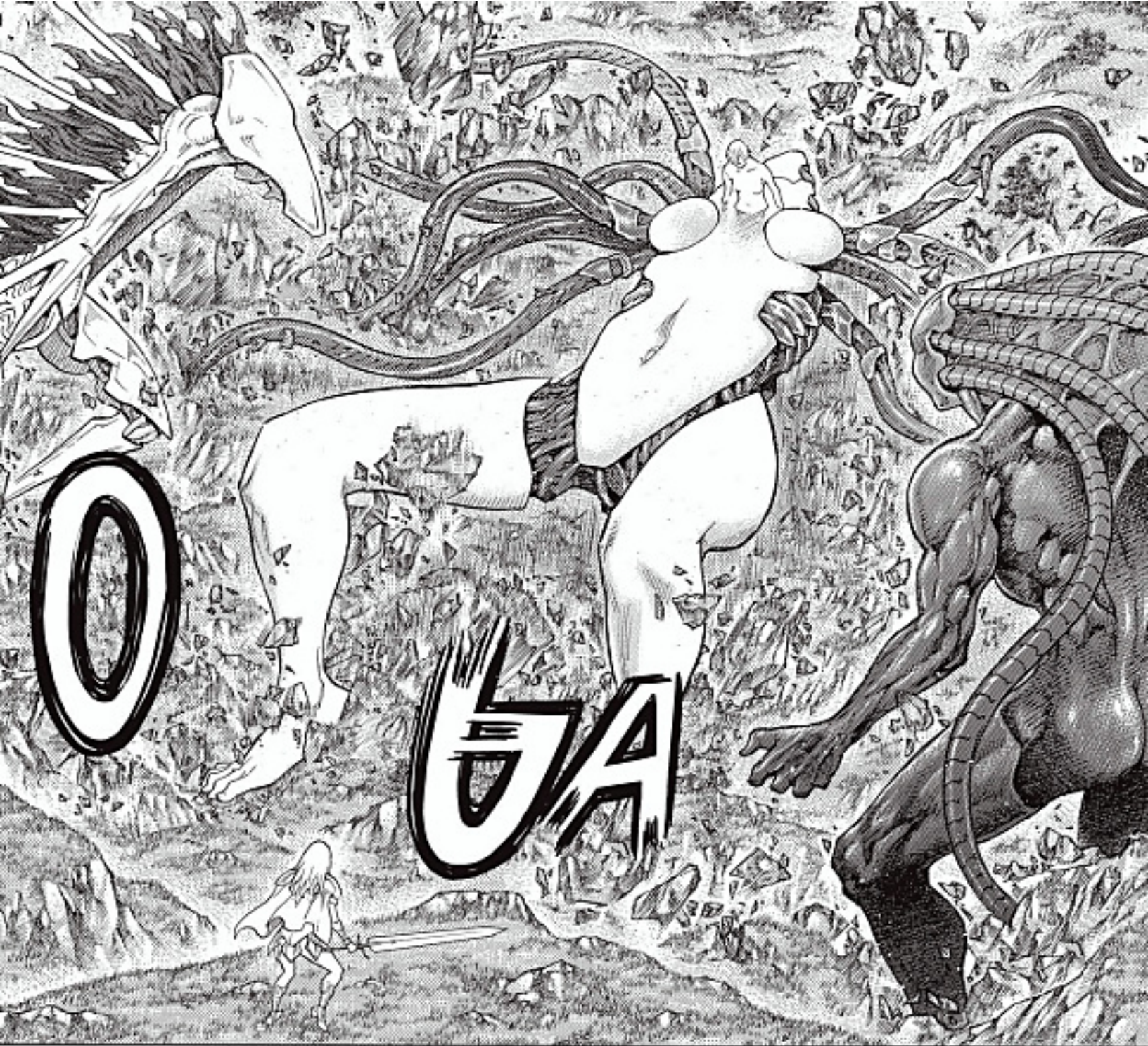
...TO
KEEP MY
PROMISE,
PRISCILLA.



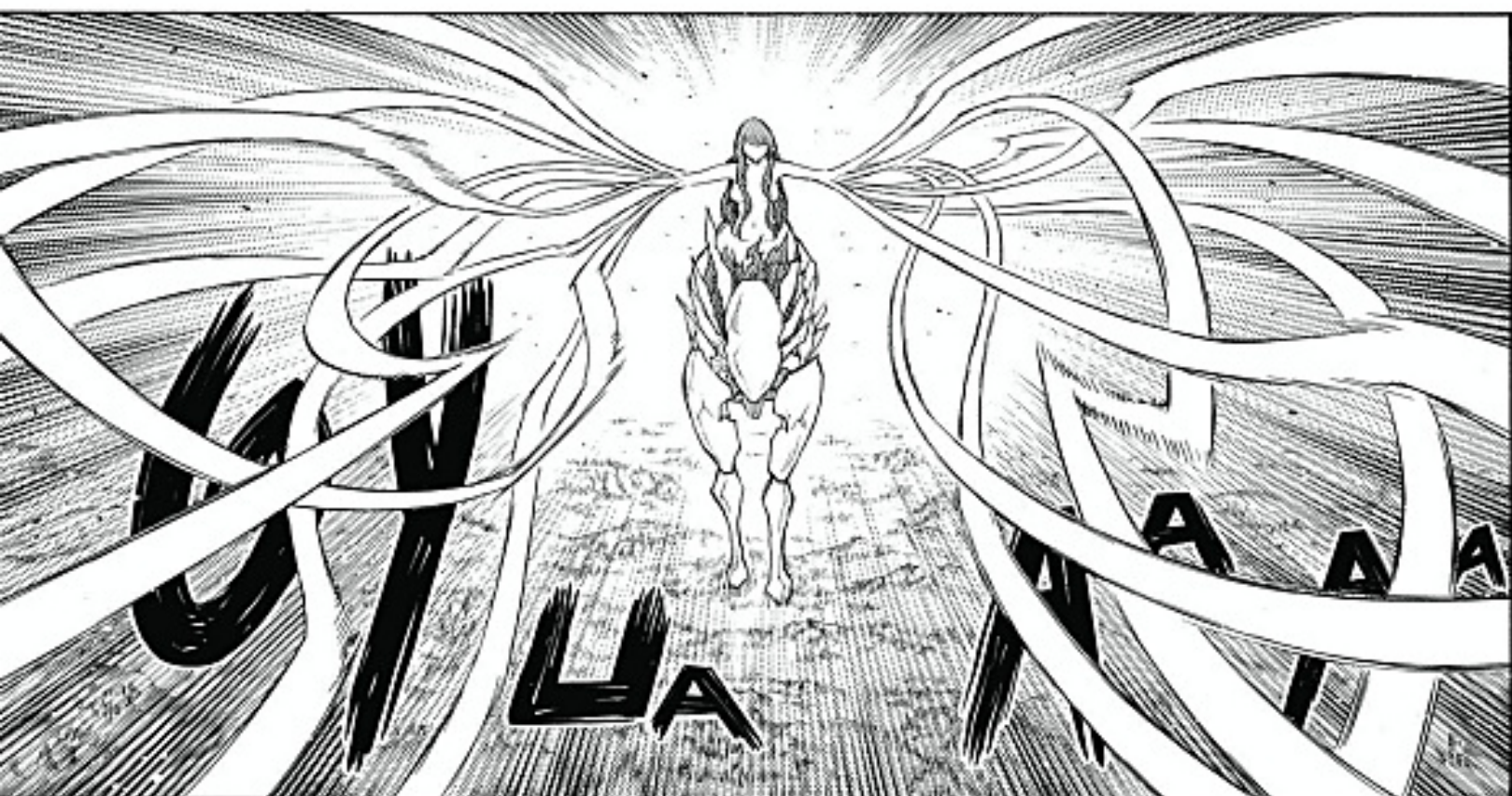






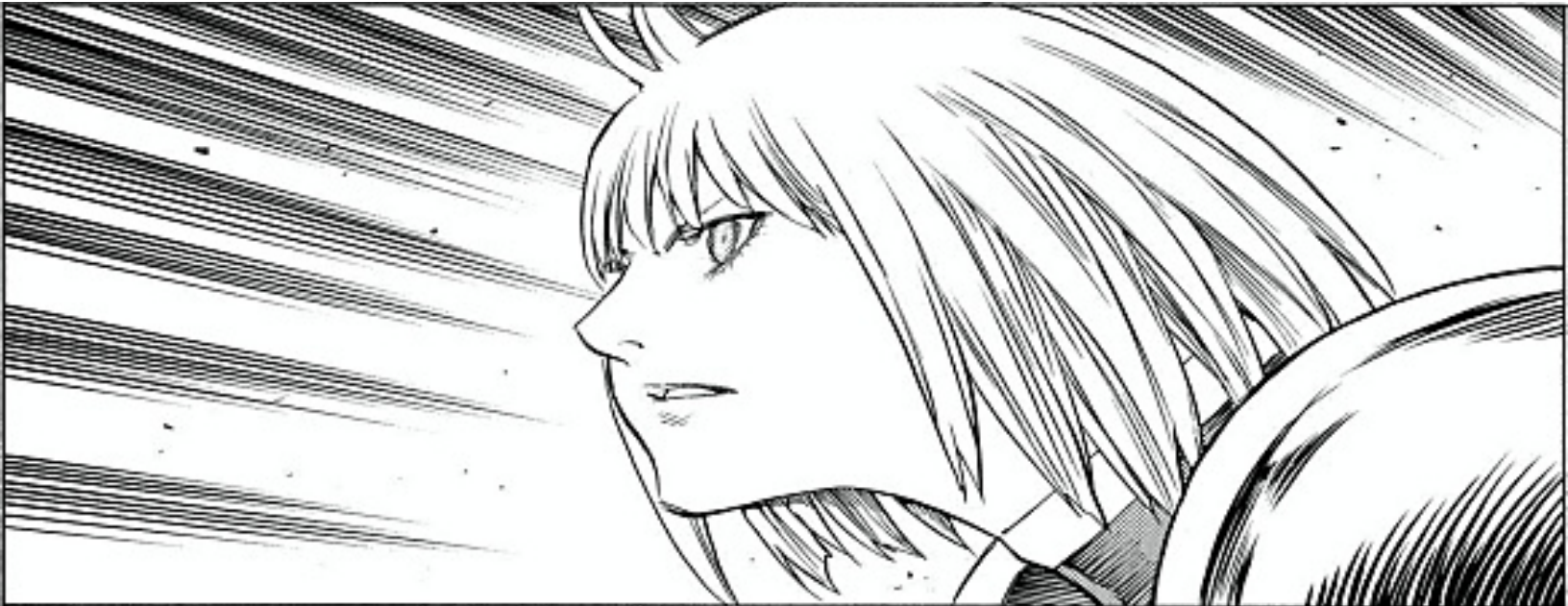






LEAVE OFFENSE TO THE AWAKENED BEINGS!





PRI-
SCILLA
HAS...

...
STOPPED
IN THE
HILLS.

HUH
...?



...AN
ABYSSAL
ONE...

...OR AN
AWAKENED
BEING...

...OR A
WARRIOR.

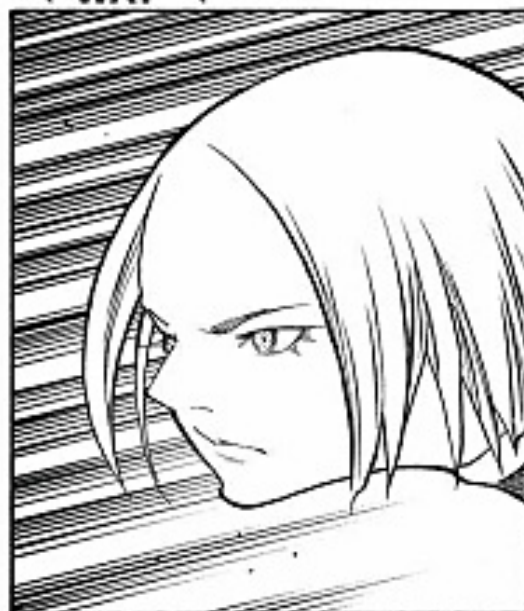
SHE
ISN'T
MOVING
LIKE...



SHE'S
MOVING
...

...BUT
MINUTELY,
WITHIN
A SMALL
AREA.

NO...

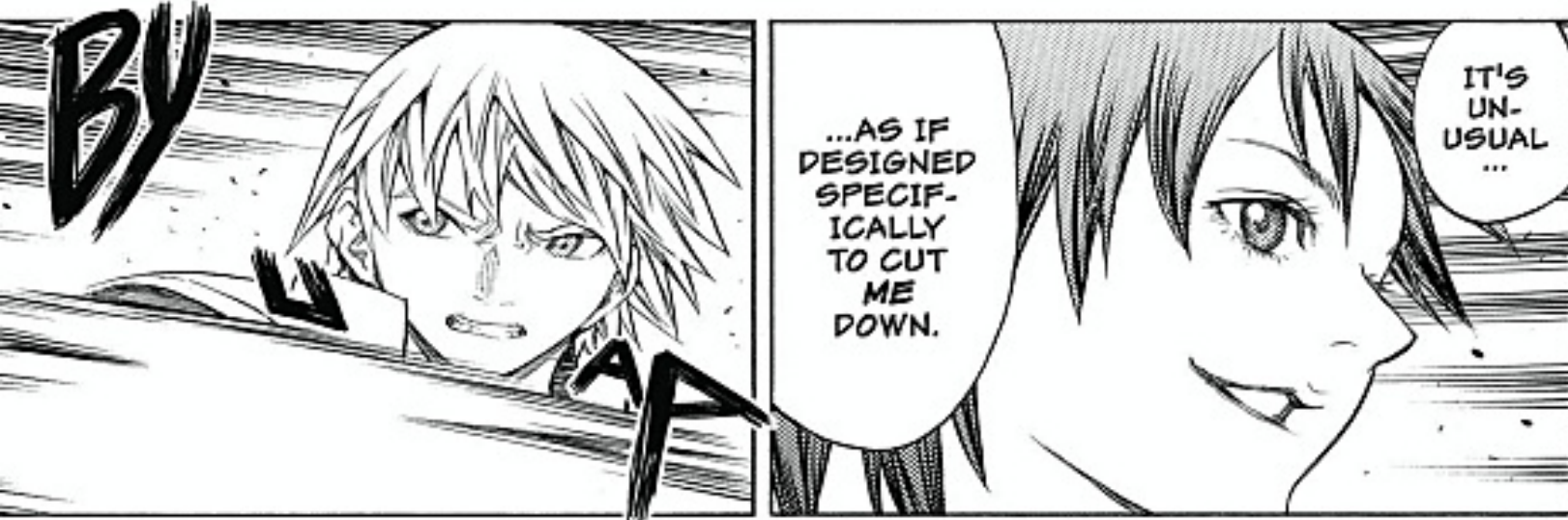








HEH ...



...I WILL
FIGHT
WITH ONLY
MY HUMAN
STRENGTH.

!!

BUT IT
ASSUMES
...

TMP



KANG

GA

WHEN
A
MERE
HUMAN
...

GAA

...AND
THE MAN
WHOSE
SIDE I
COULDN'T
LEAVE
FOR SO
LONG...

...
ATTACKED
HEAD-
ON
WITH A
SWORD
...



...WITH
COMMEN-
SURATE
STRENGTH
?

...DID HE
TELL YOU
THAT I
WOULD
RESPOND
...



URGH
...

GA

K



I AM
FIGHTING
YOU WITH
HUMAN
STRENGTH...

WELL,
THAT
ISN'T
WRONG.



...
MISUNDER-
STAND
SOMETHING.

...
ISLEY
AND
YOU
...

...BUT
I
THINK...



...BECAUSE
I LIKE
YOU.

I'M NOT
FIGHTING
YOU WITH
HUMAN
STRENGTH
...



...FUN!

IT'S
JUST
...



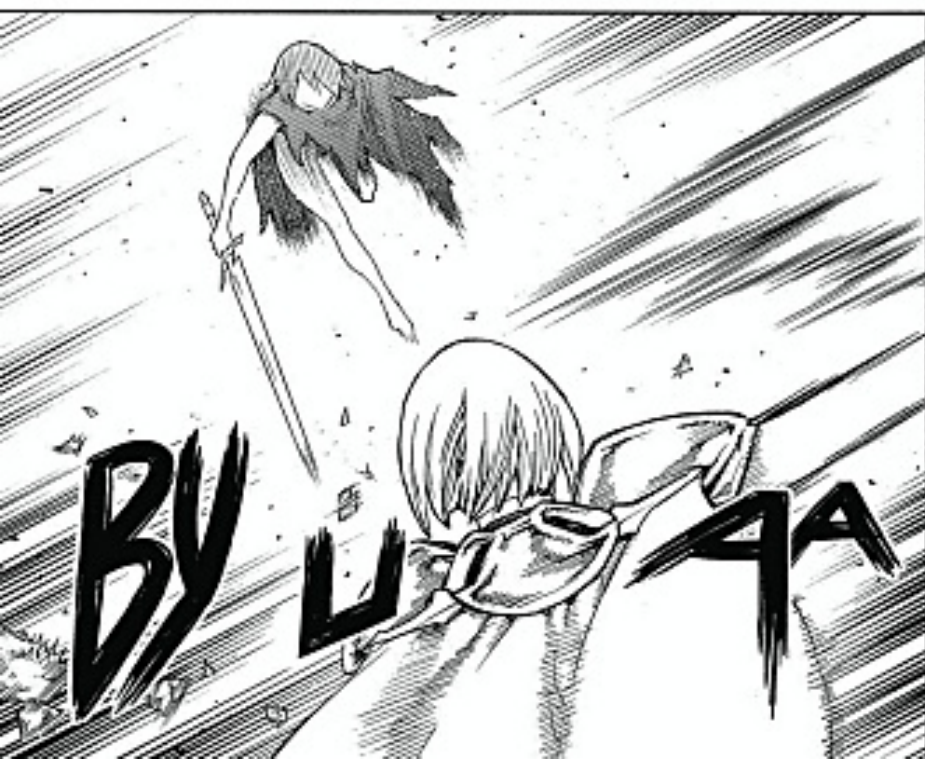


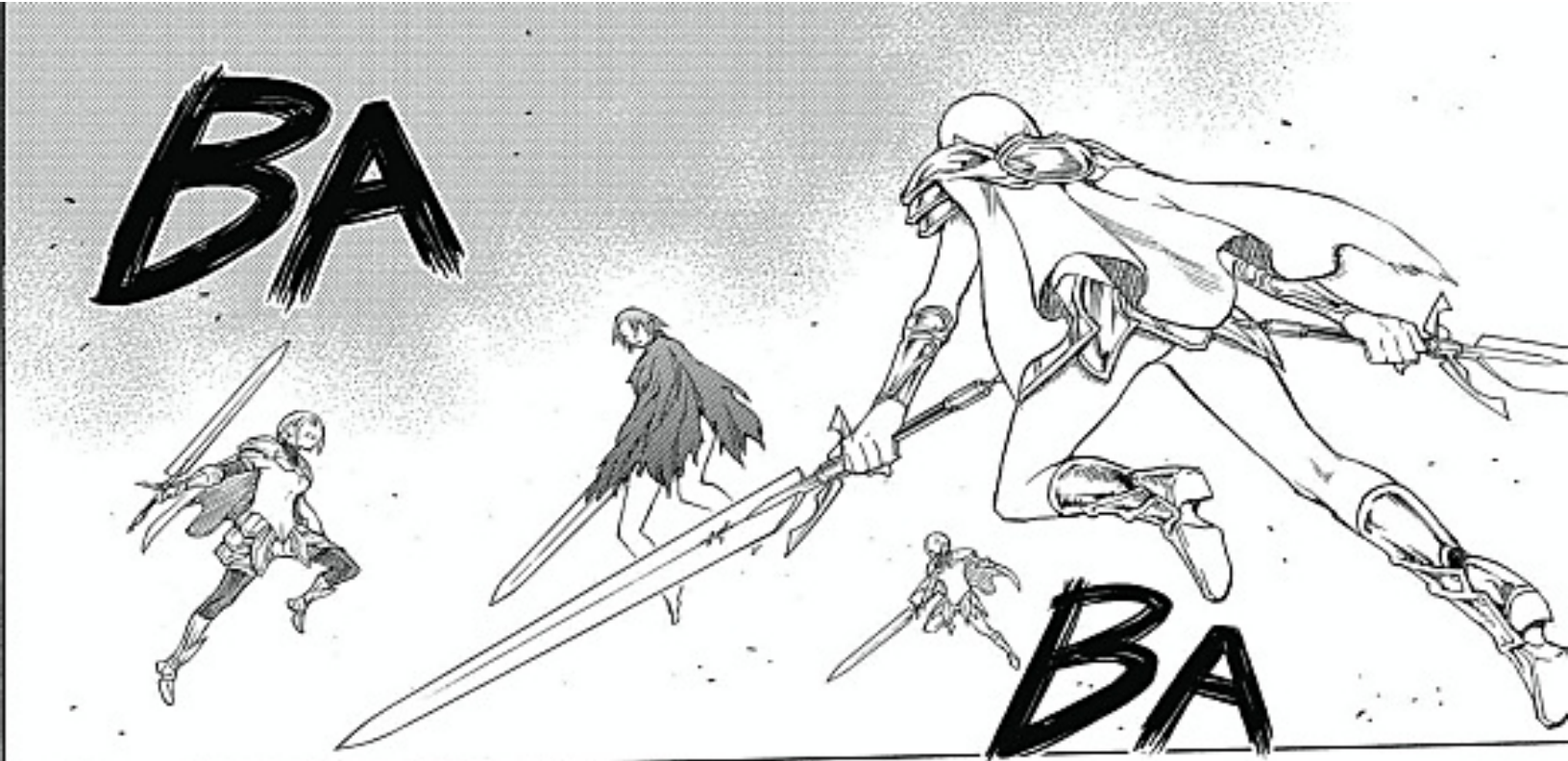
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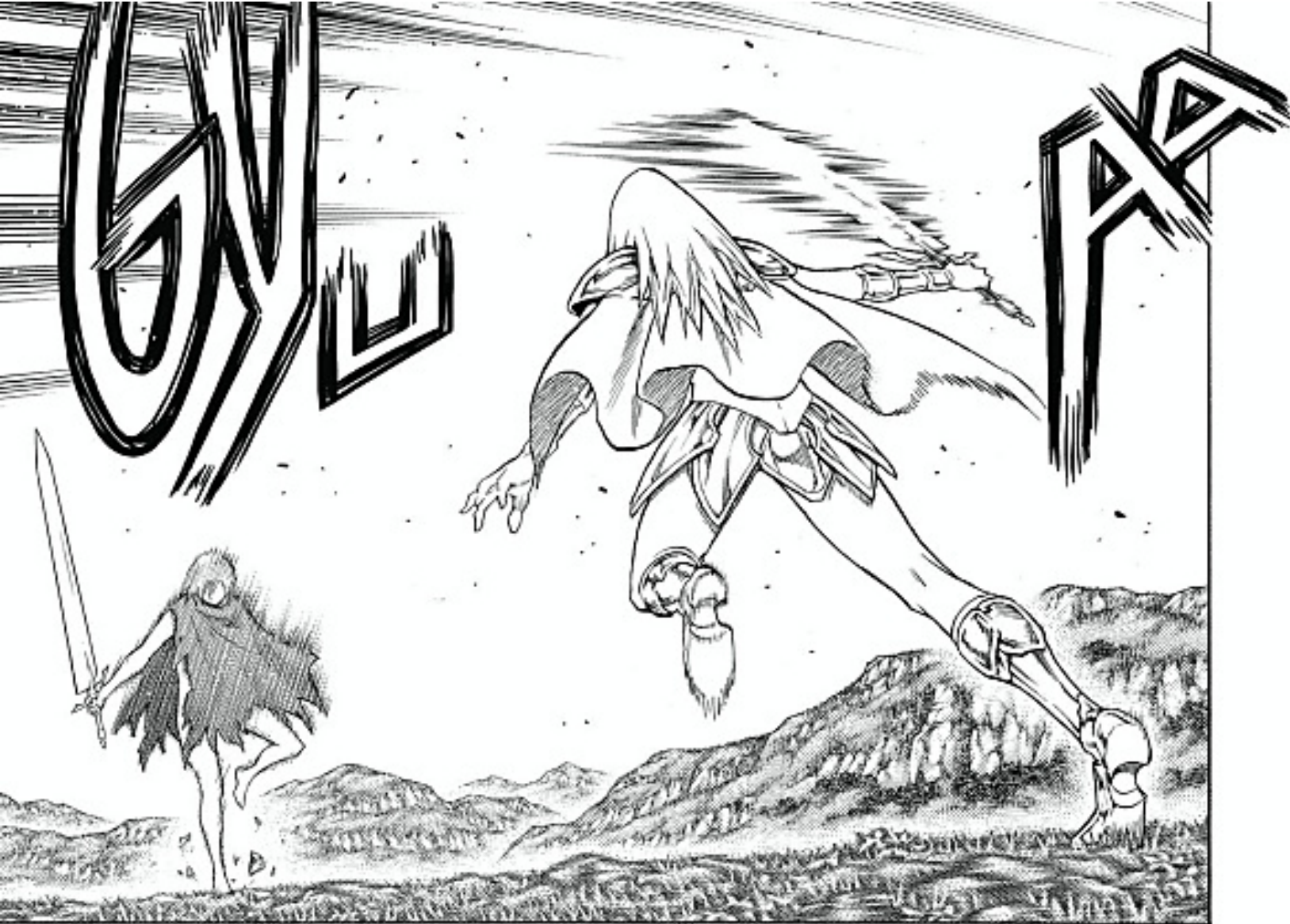


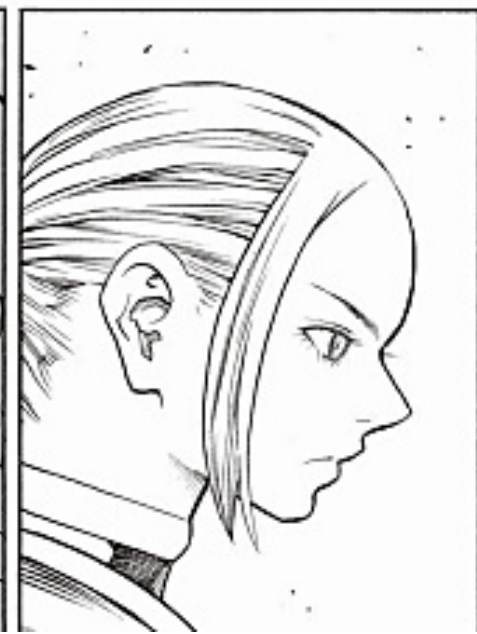
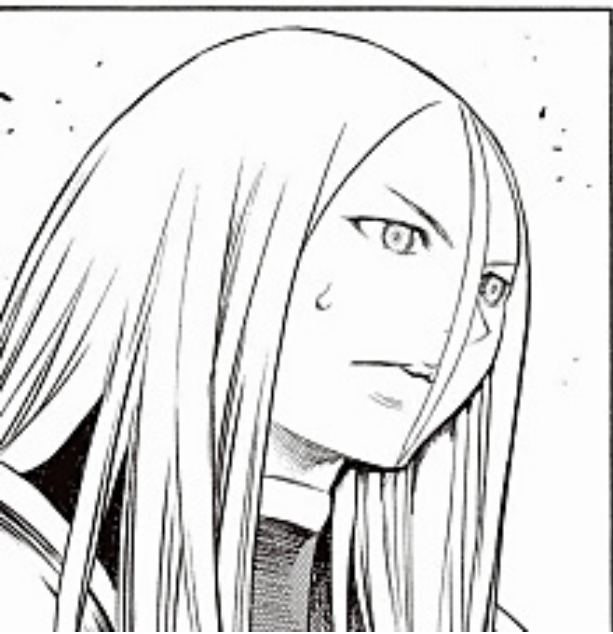
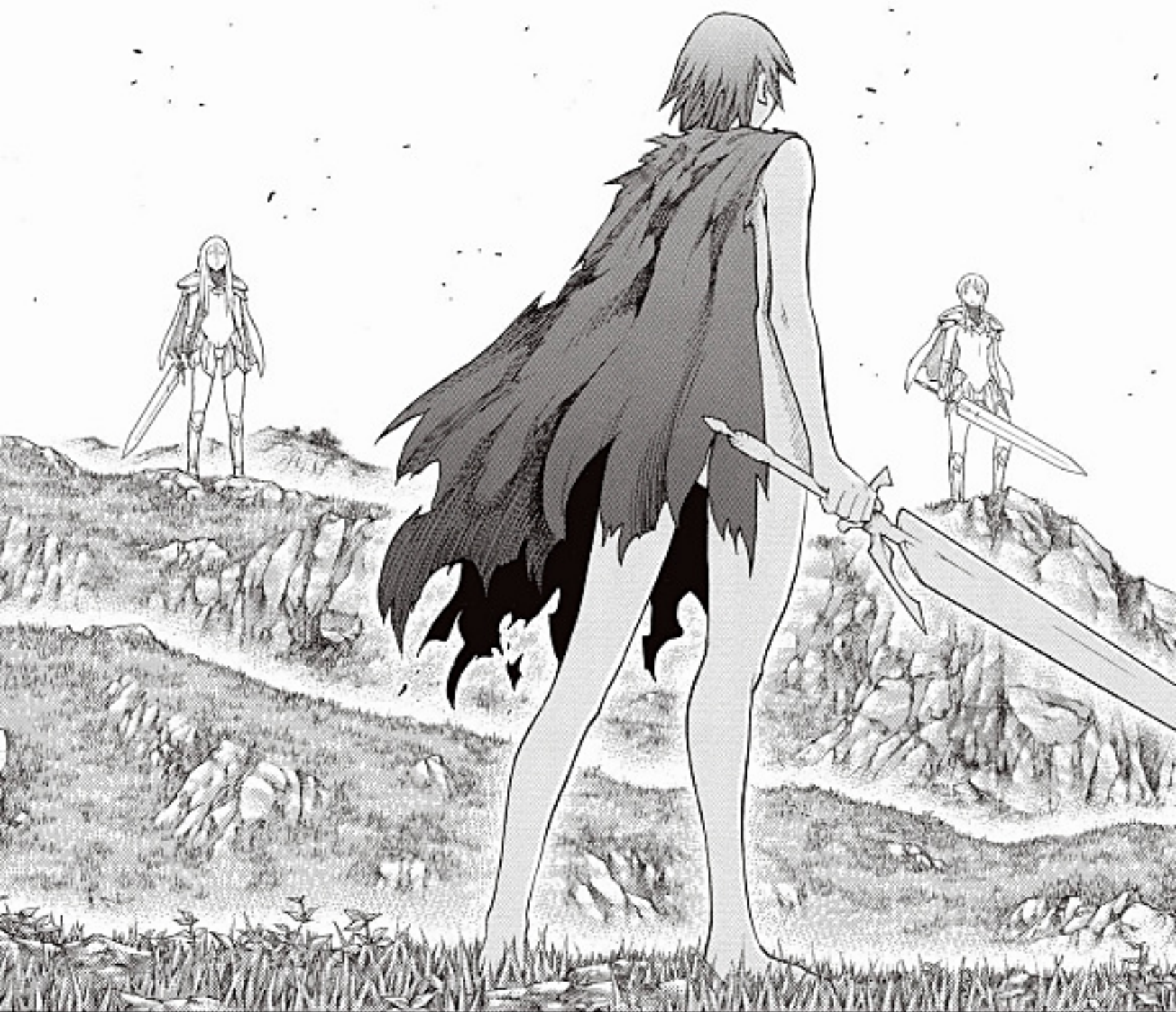


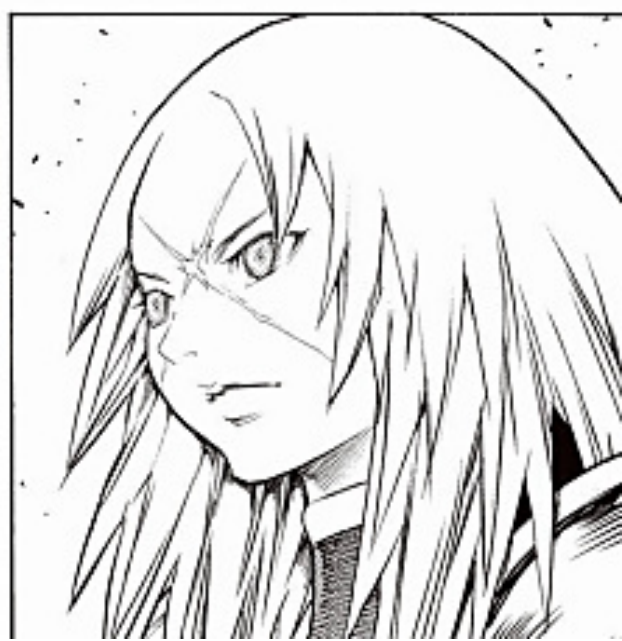
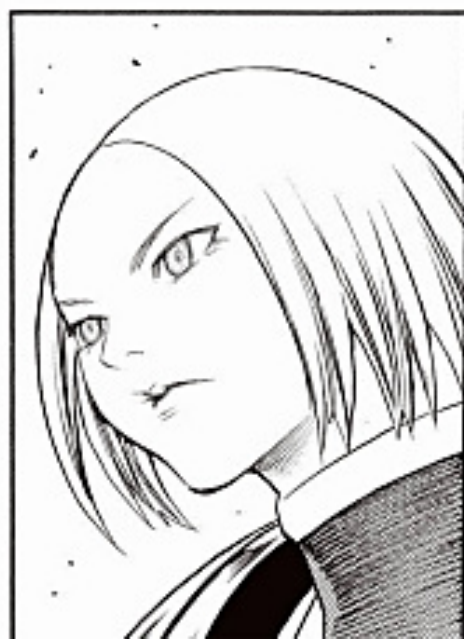












...I
RECOGNIZE
SOME
OF YOU.

I
THINK...

LIKE
WHEN
I WAS
NUMBER
2...

...AND
KILLED
HORDES
OF
YOMA.

FINE.
I'LL FIGHT
YOU
WITH MY
STRENGTH
AS A
WARRIOR.

...I
CAN
ENJOY
THIS.

I
THINK
THAT
WAY...

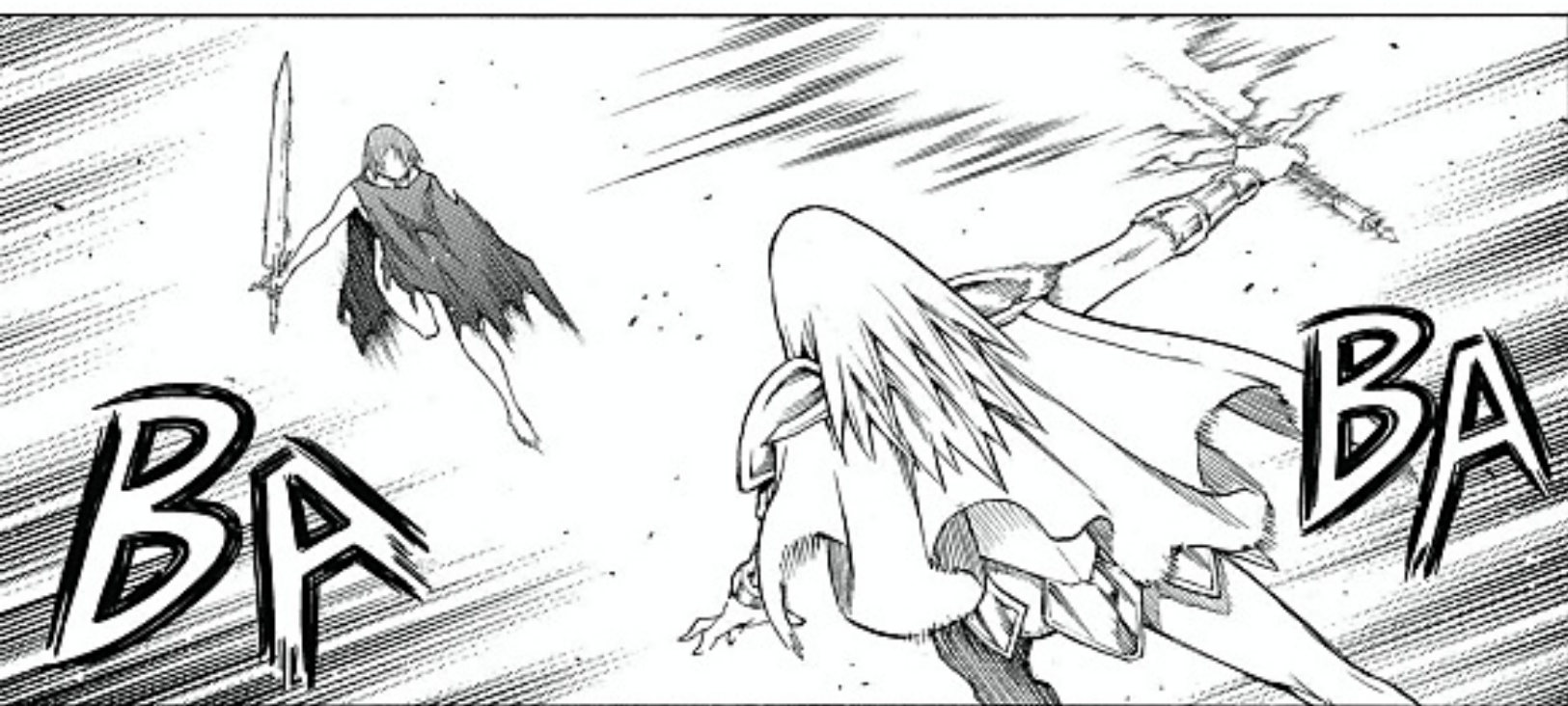
SHE
...

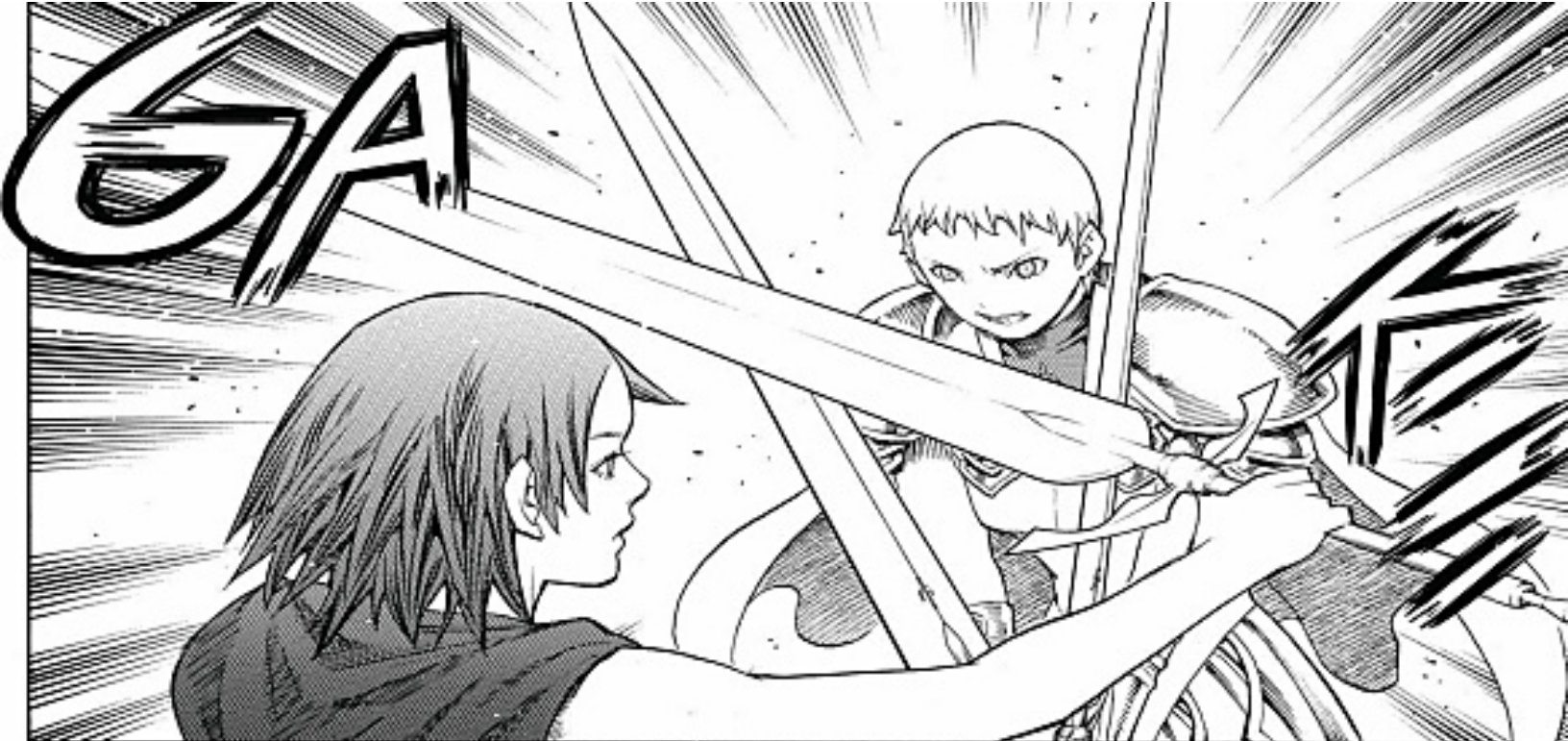


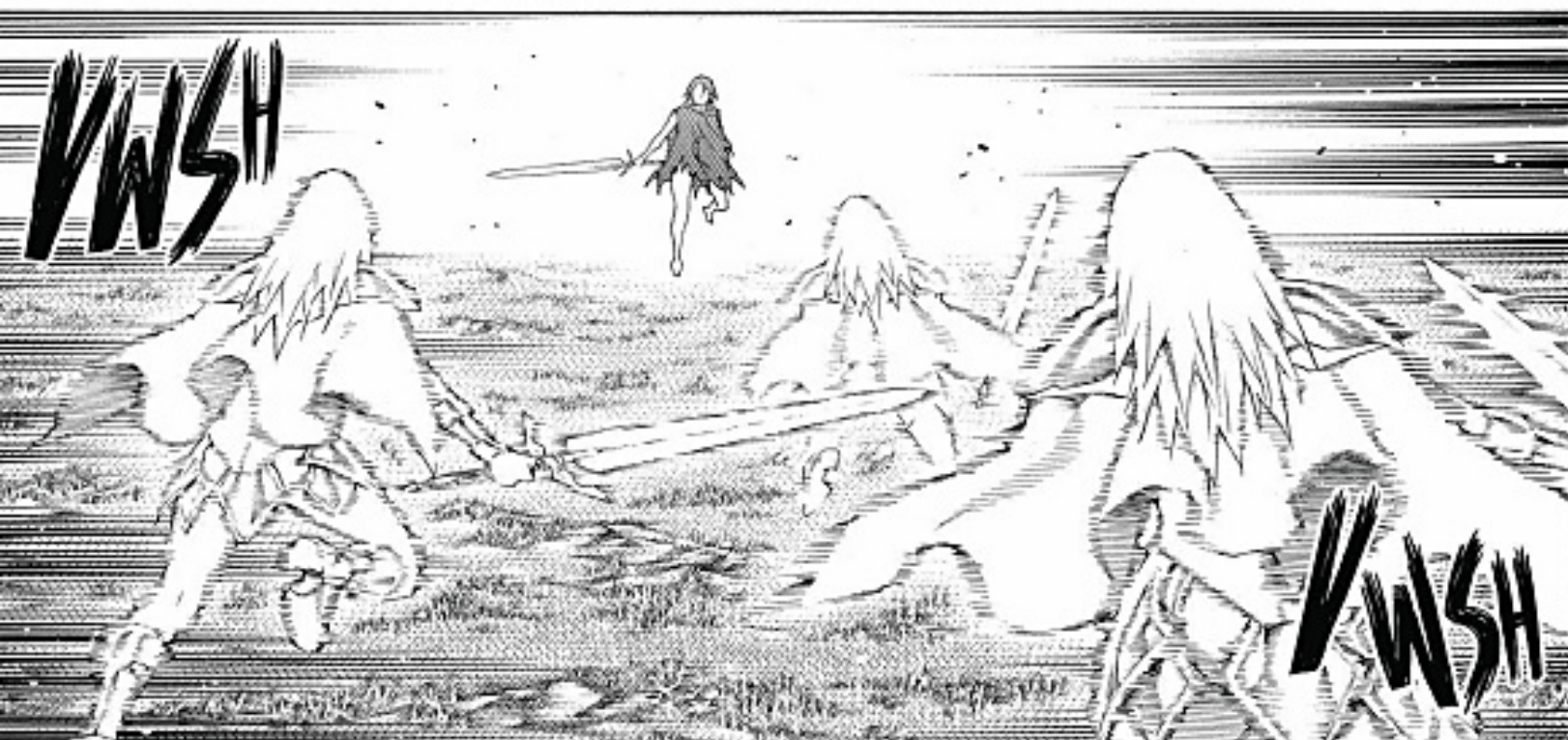


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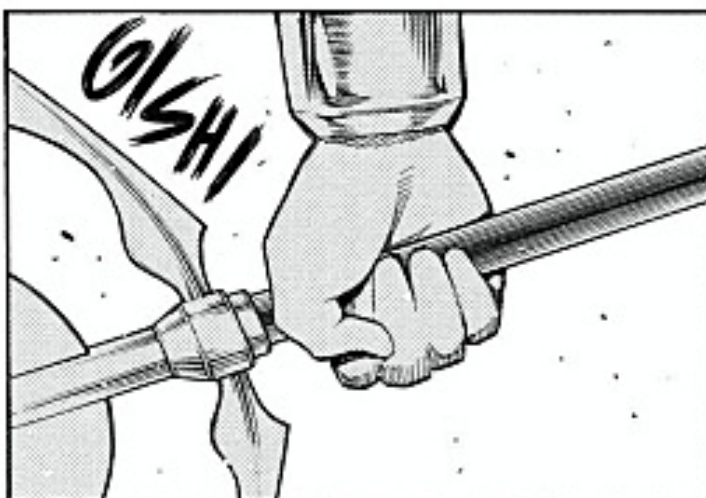


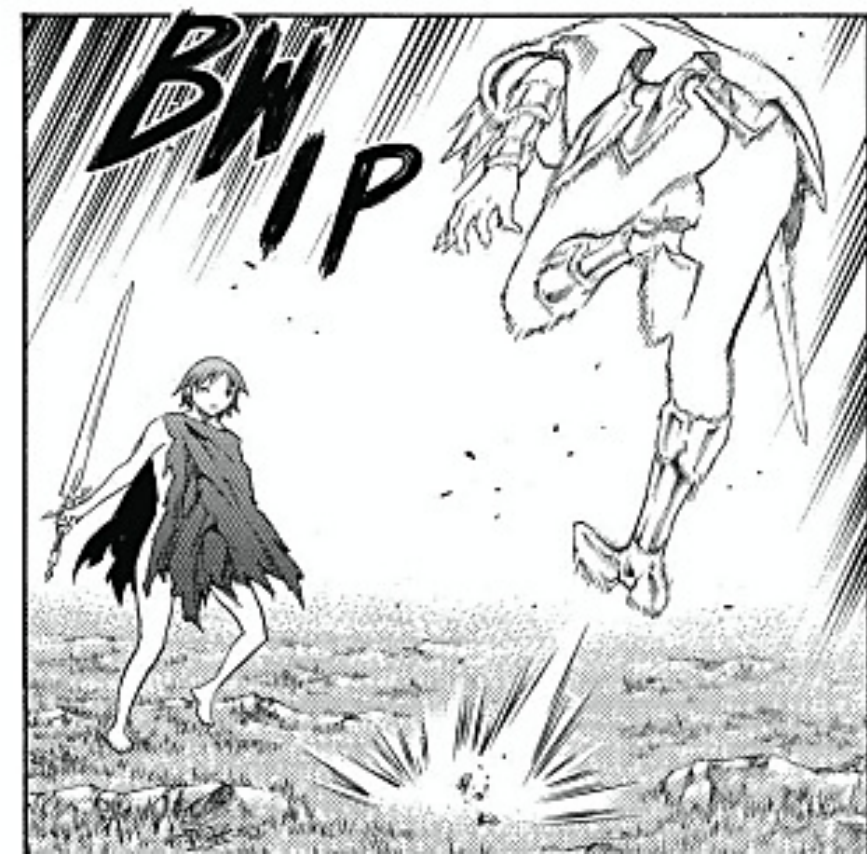
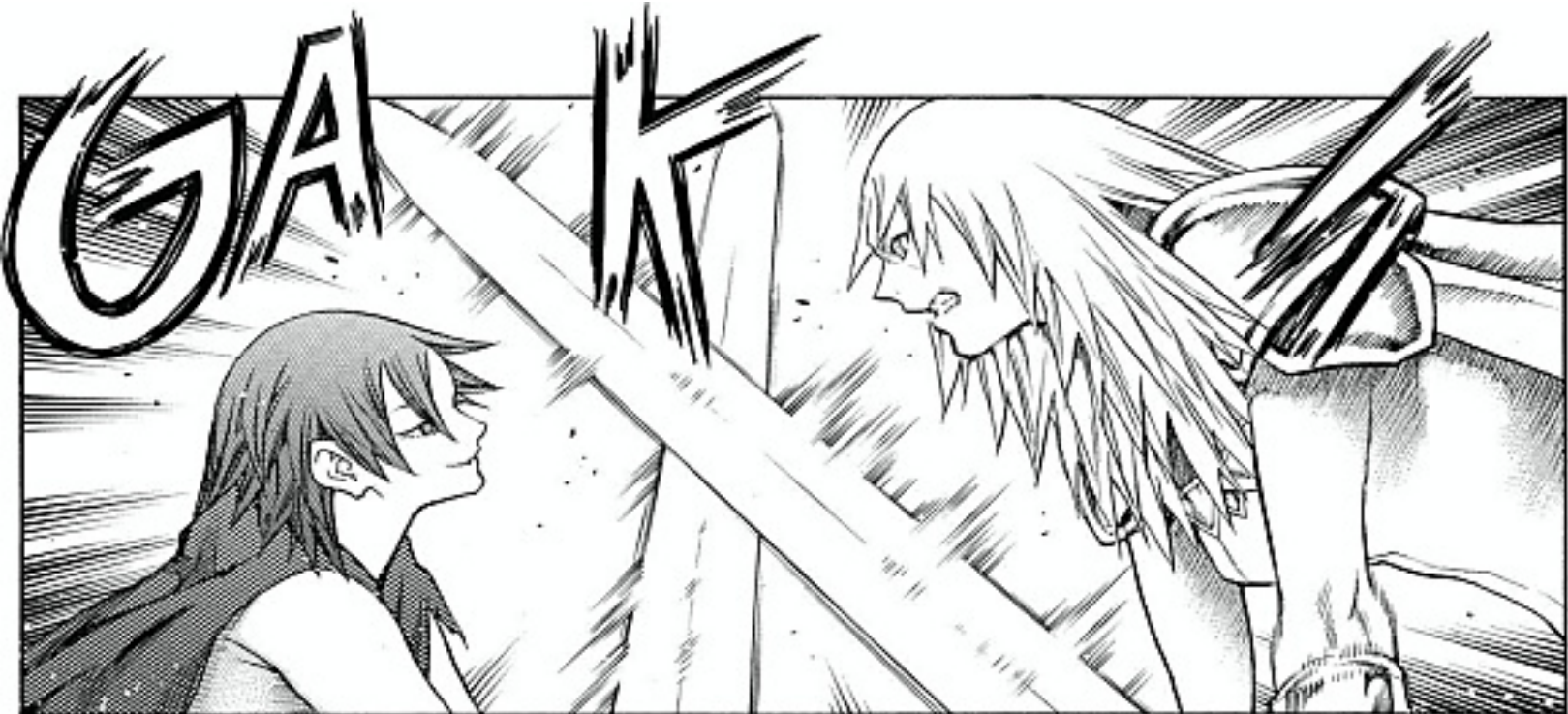


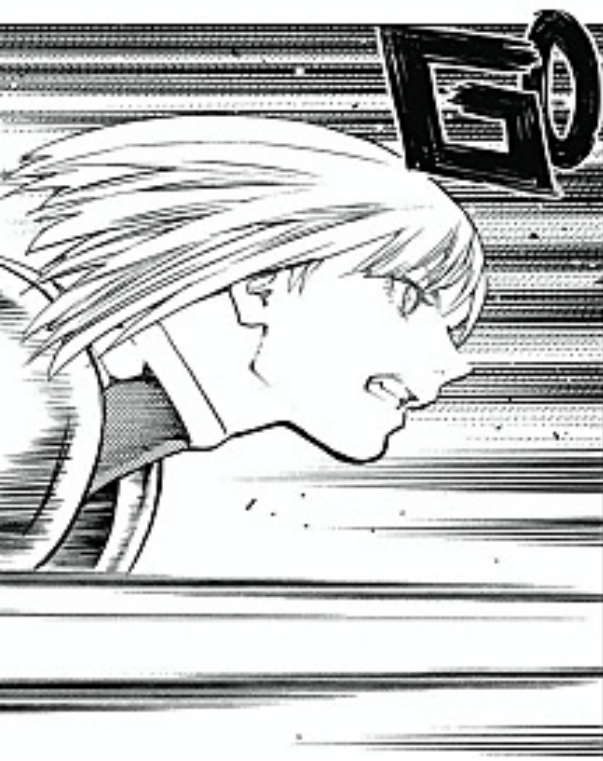






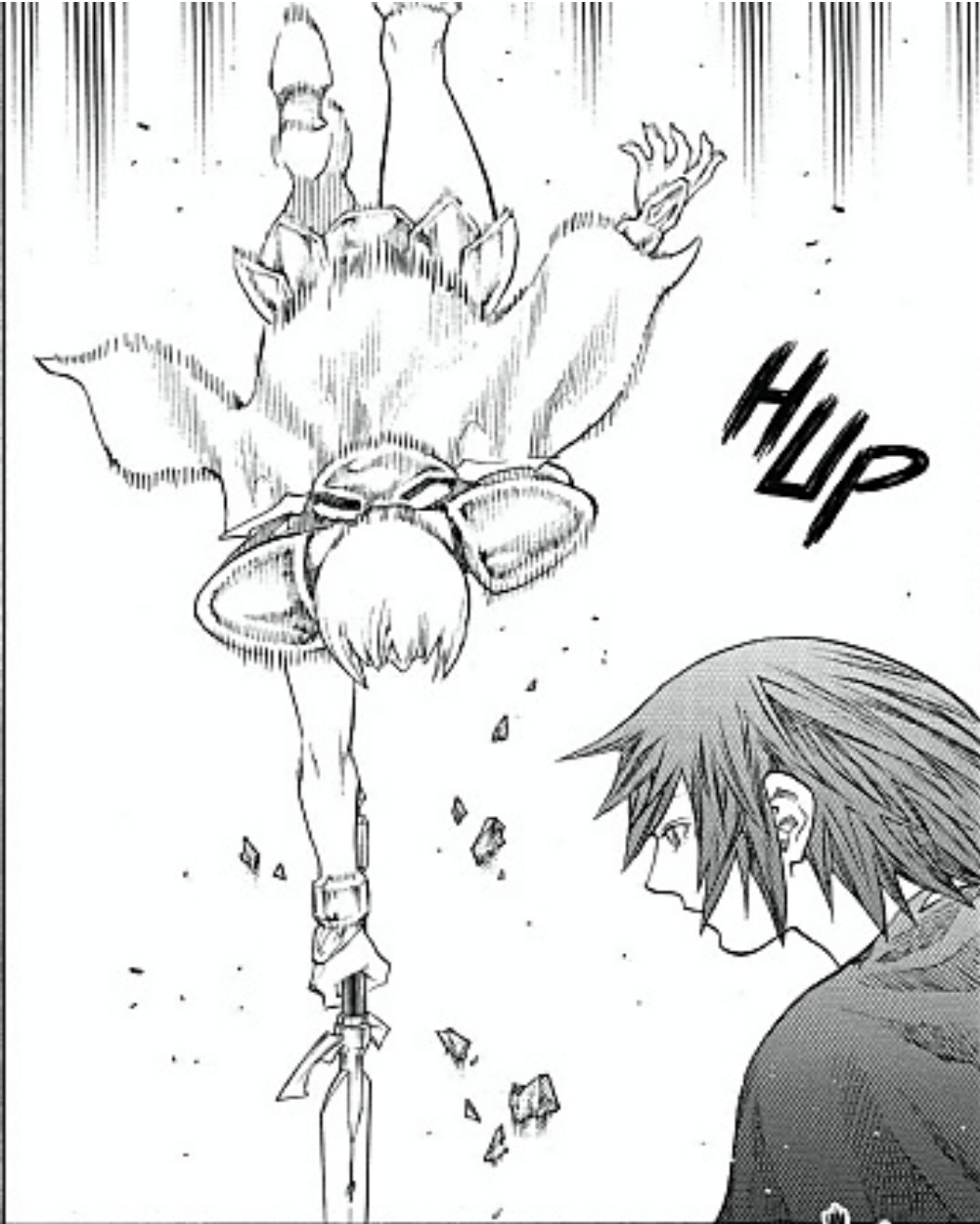


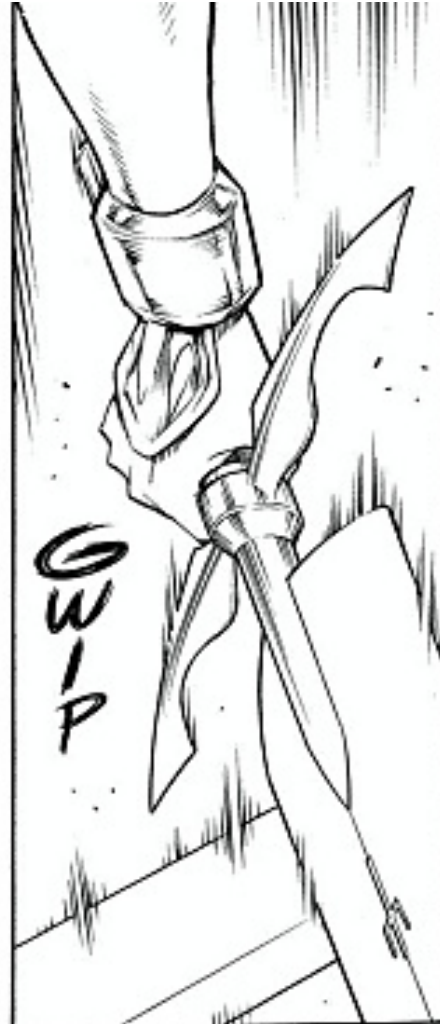


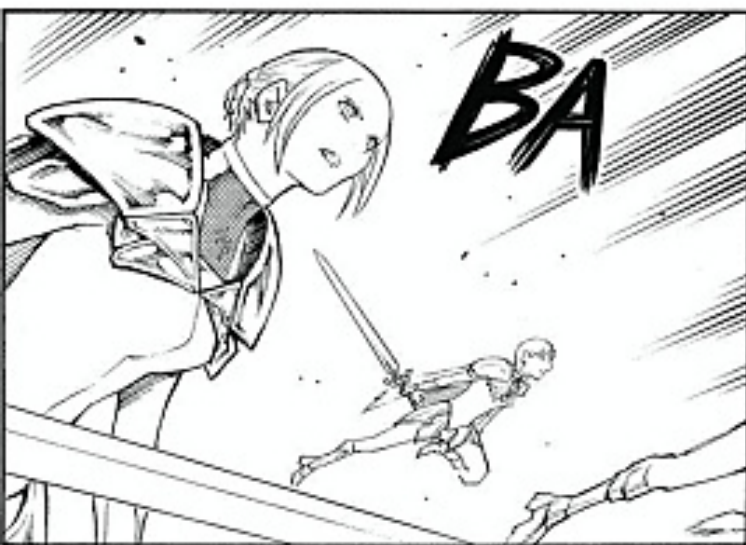
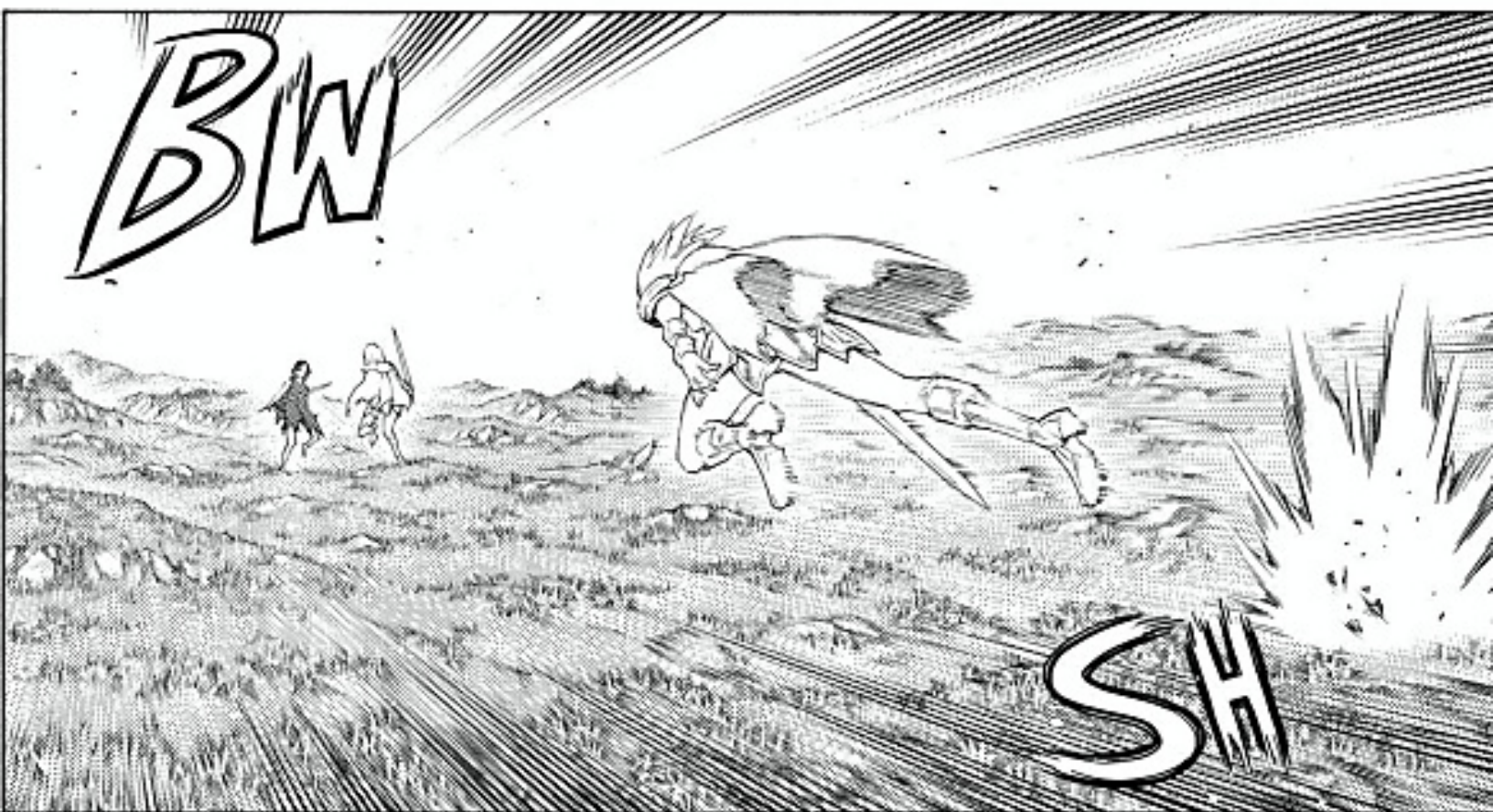




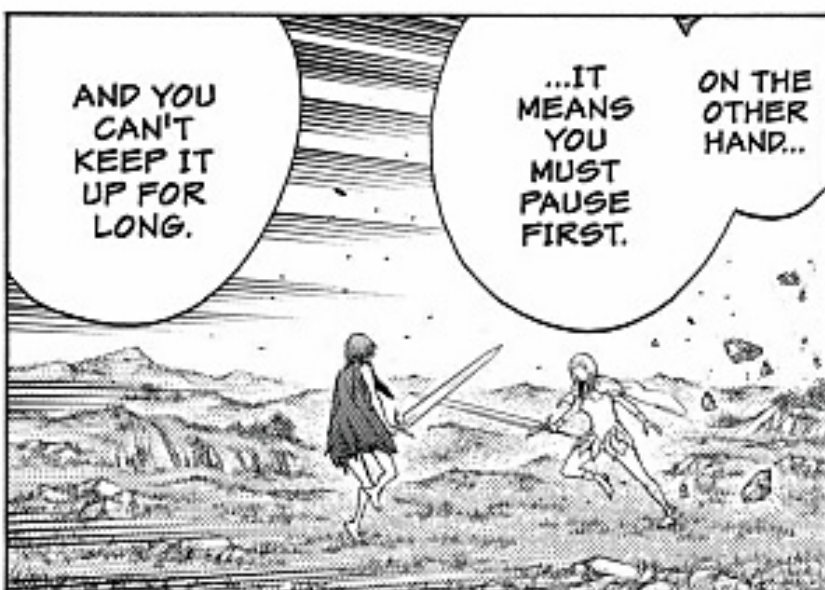
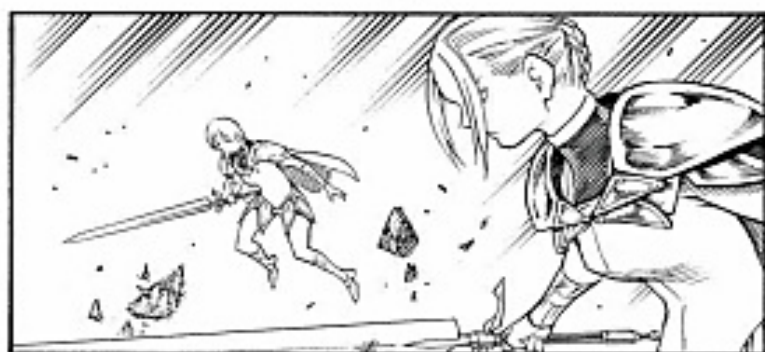
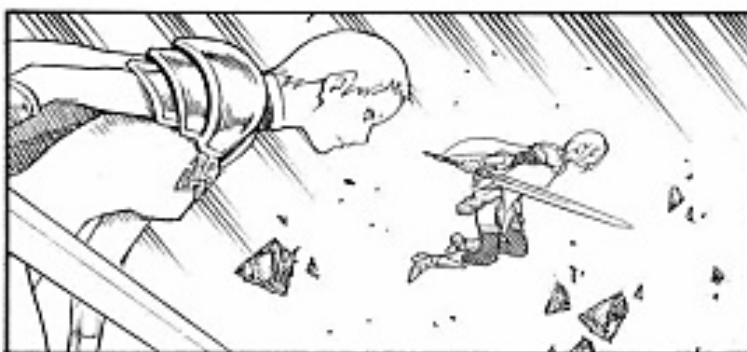












AND YOU
CAN'T
KEEP IT
UP FOR
LONG.

...IT
MEANS
YOU
MUST
PAUSE
FIRST.

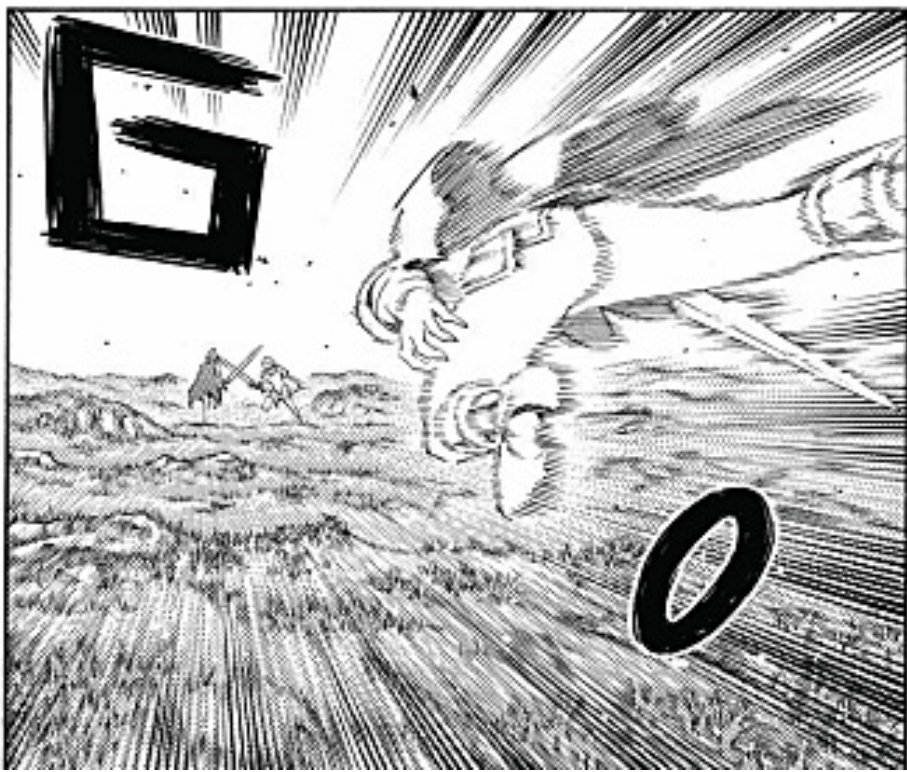
ON THE
OTHER
HAND...

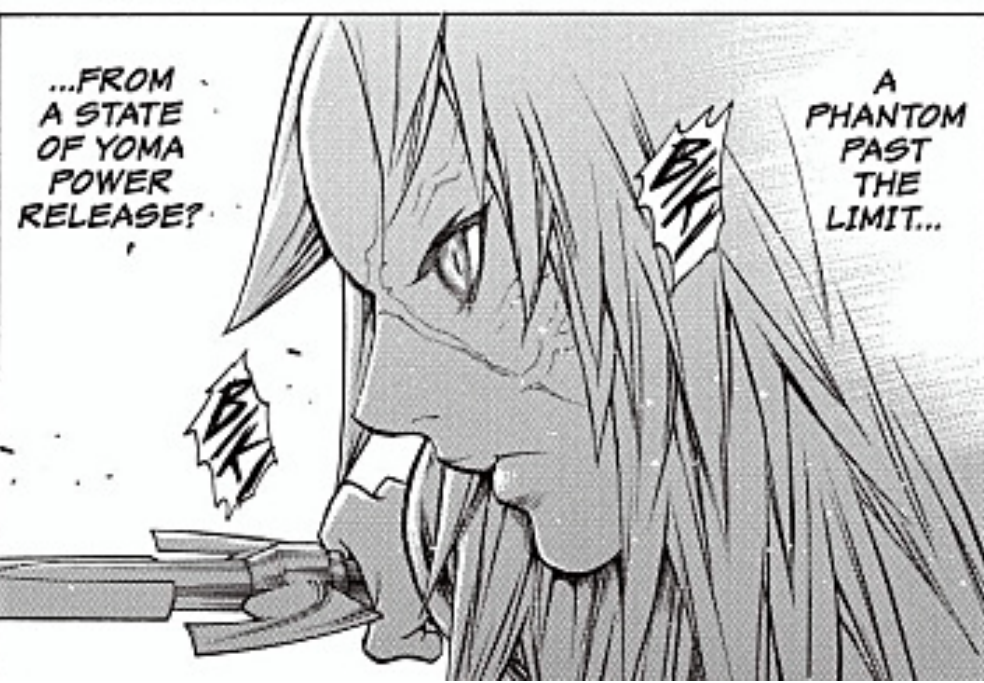
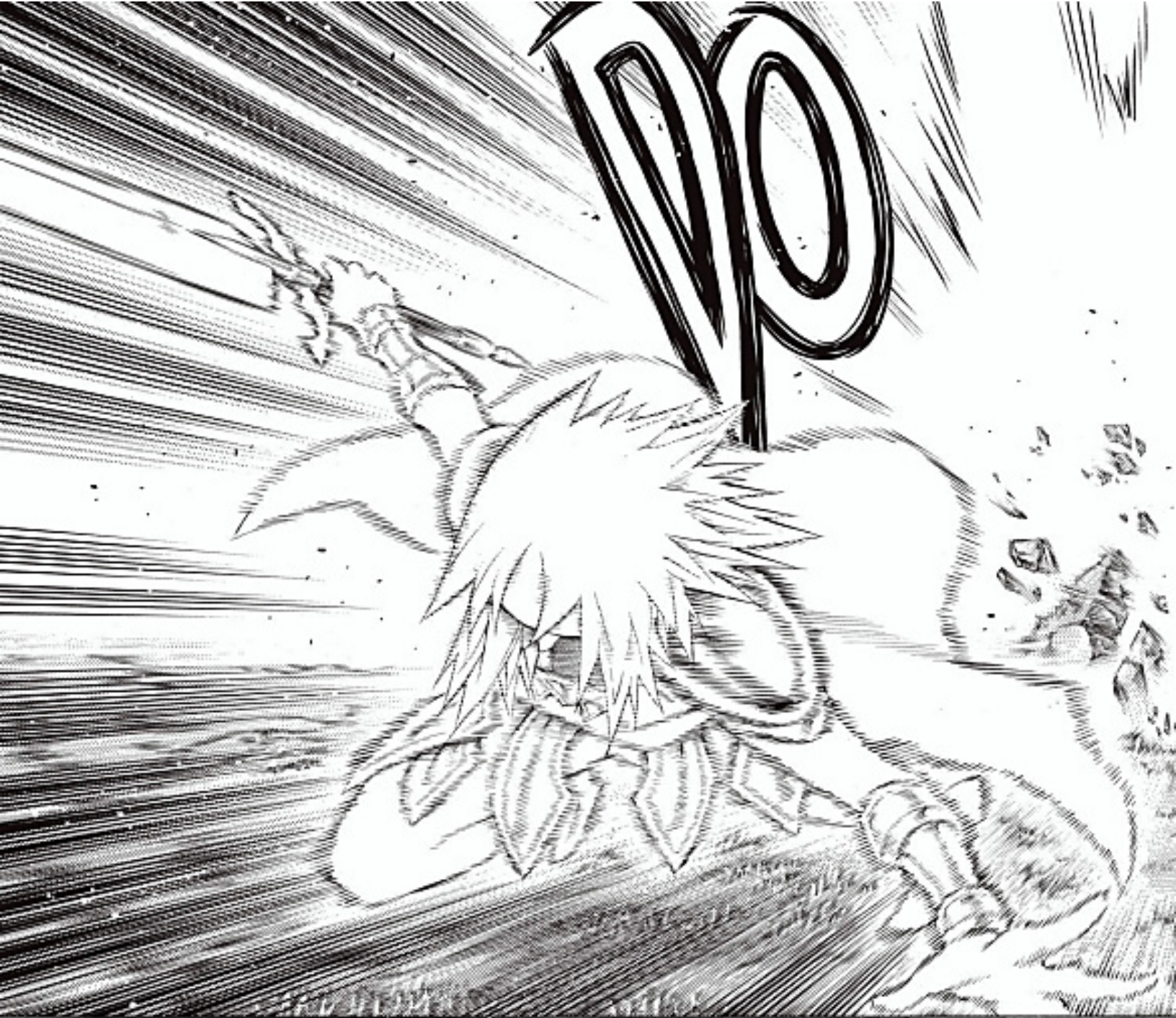


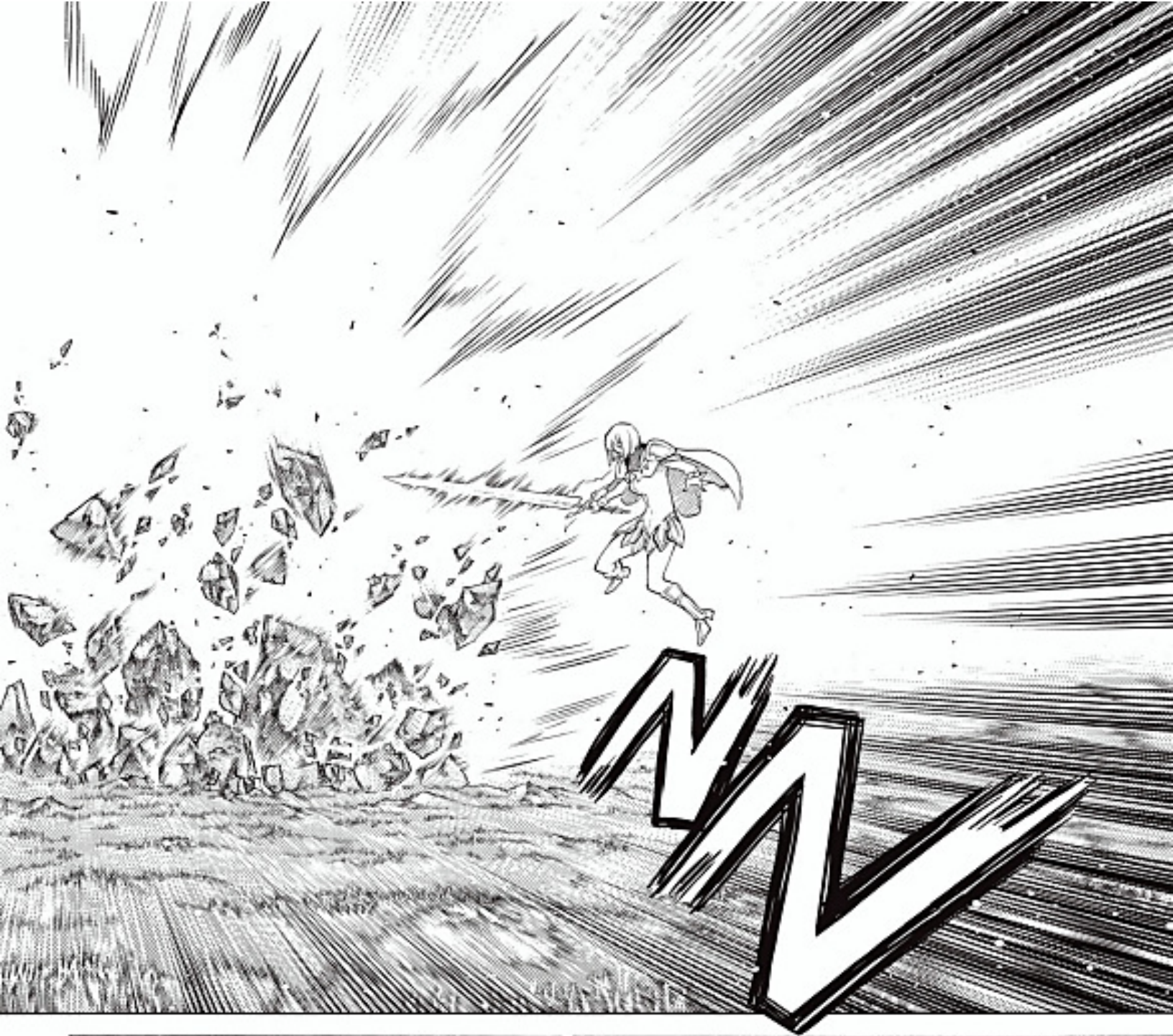
OHH
...

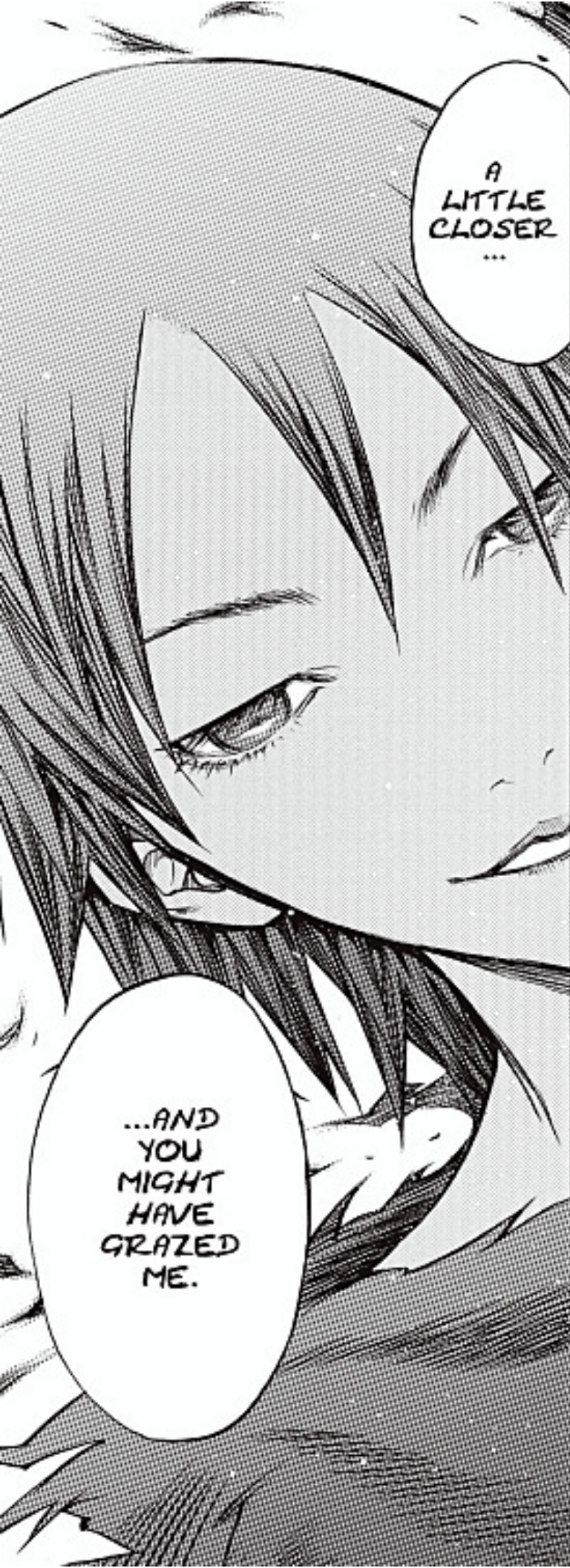
YOUR
COMRADES
KNOW WHEN
YOU'LL USE
THAT
TECHNIQUE.

THAT'S
TRUST AND
TEAMWORK
BUILT
OVER LONG
YEARS!









A
LITTLE
CLOSER
...

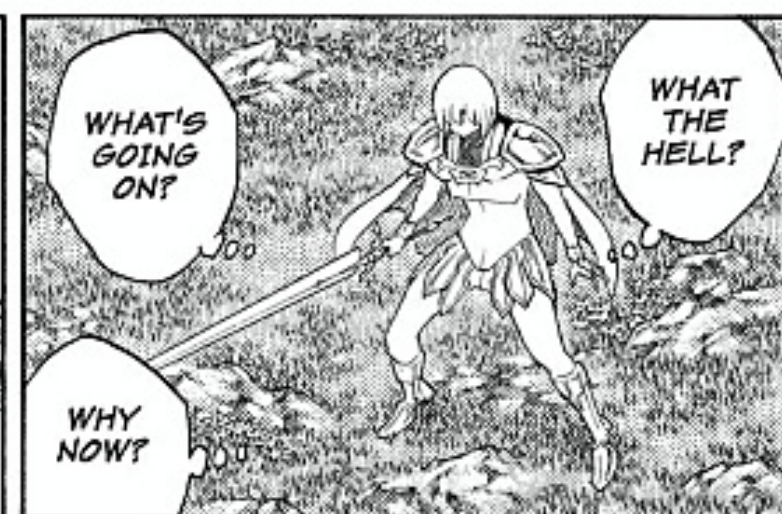
...AND
YOU
MIGHT
HAVE
GRAZED
ME.



...
CLOSE.



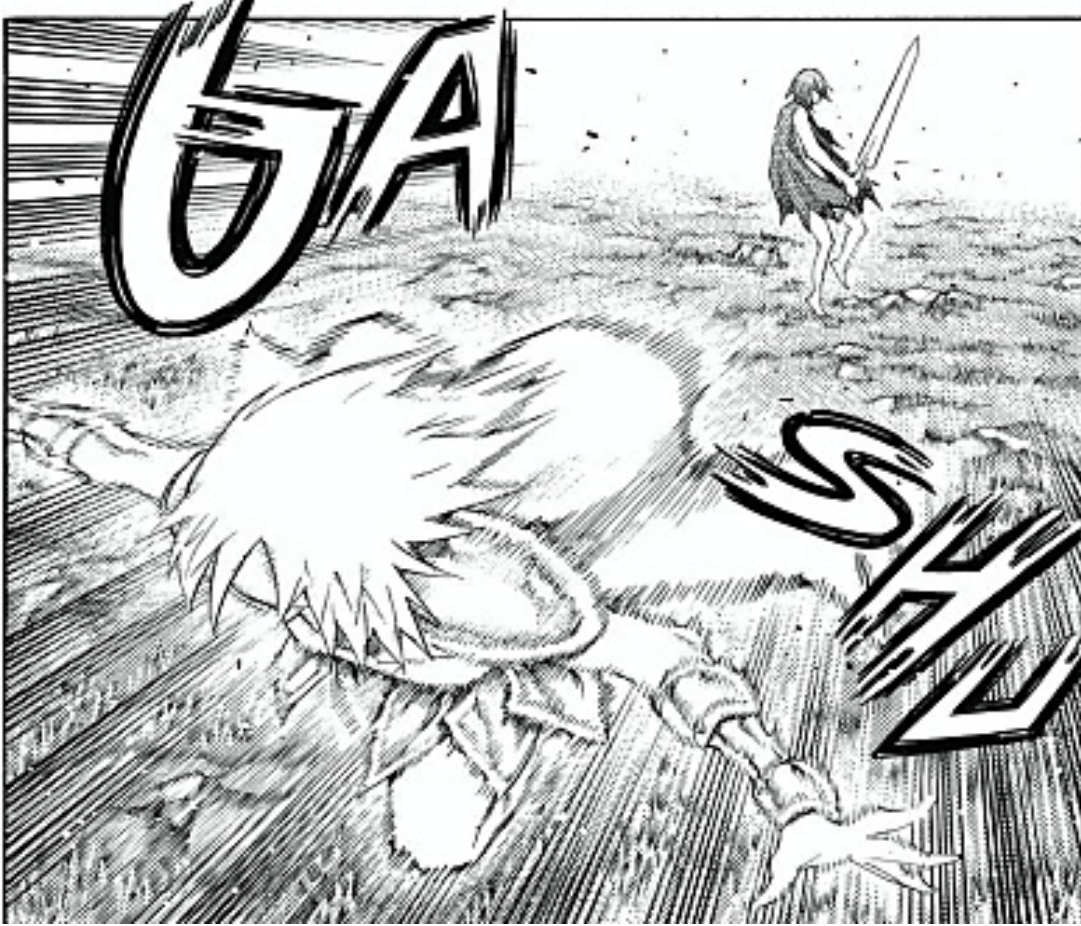
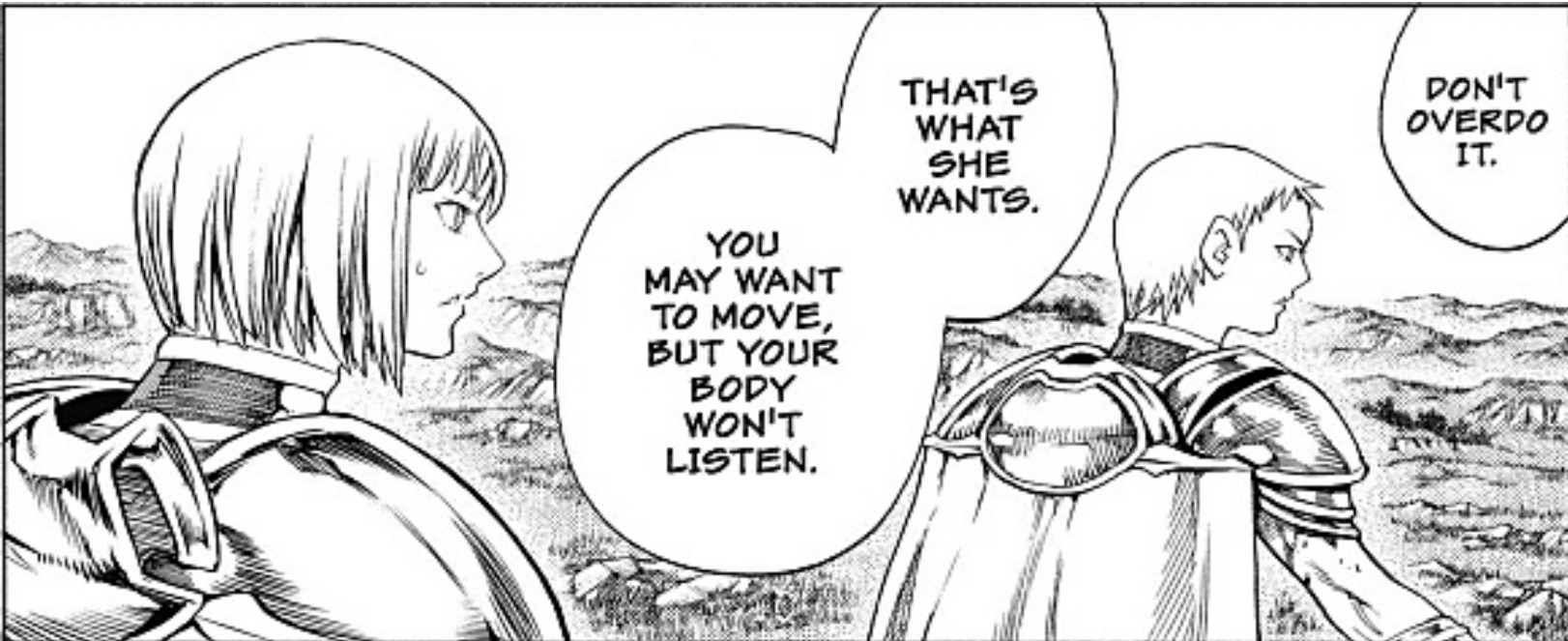
THAT
WAS...

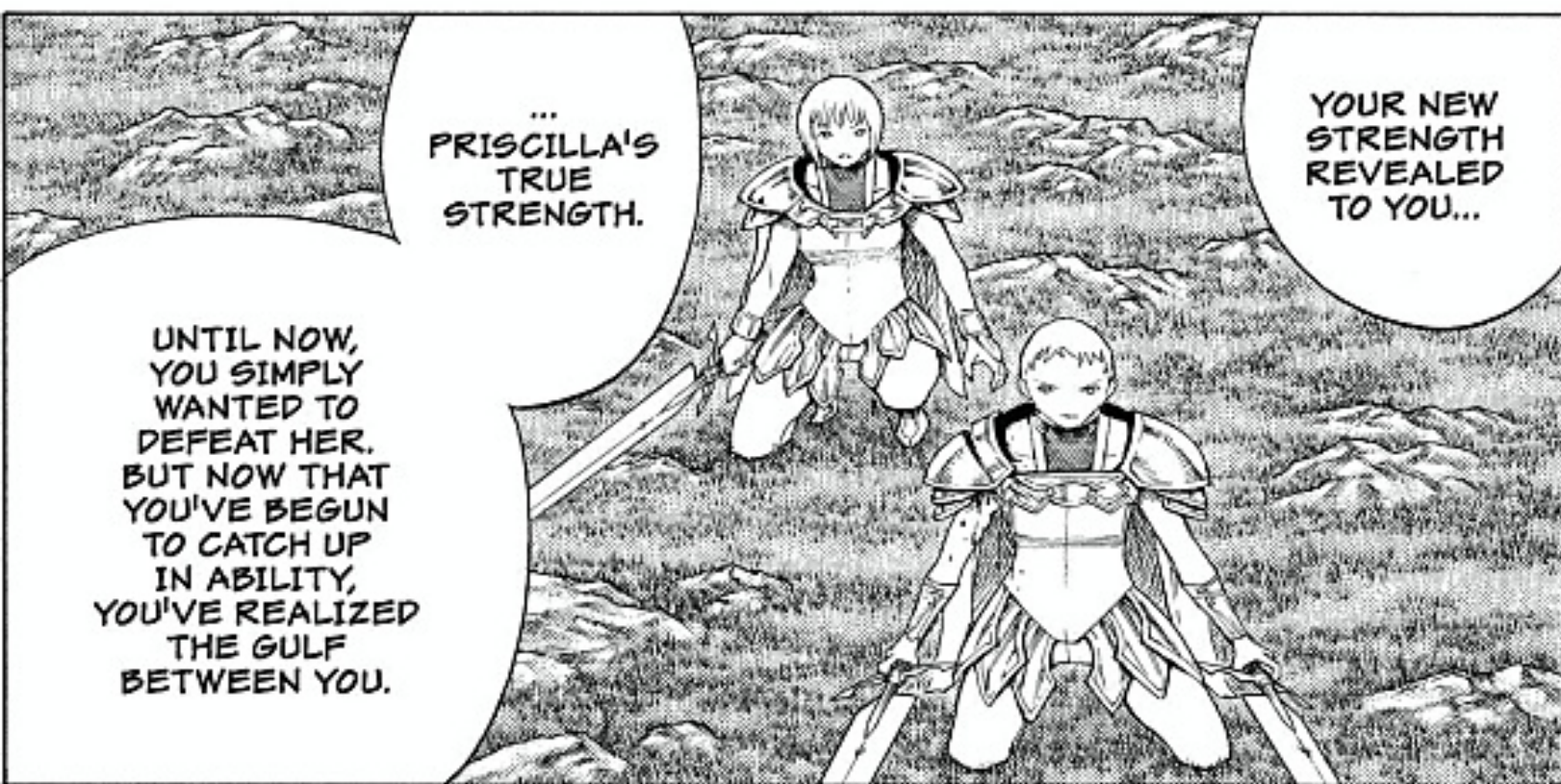














YOU'RE AS
STRONG
AS HER,
SO YOU
MUST KNOW
HOW THIS
ENDS.

GA



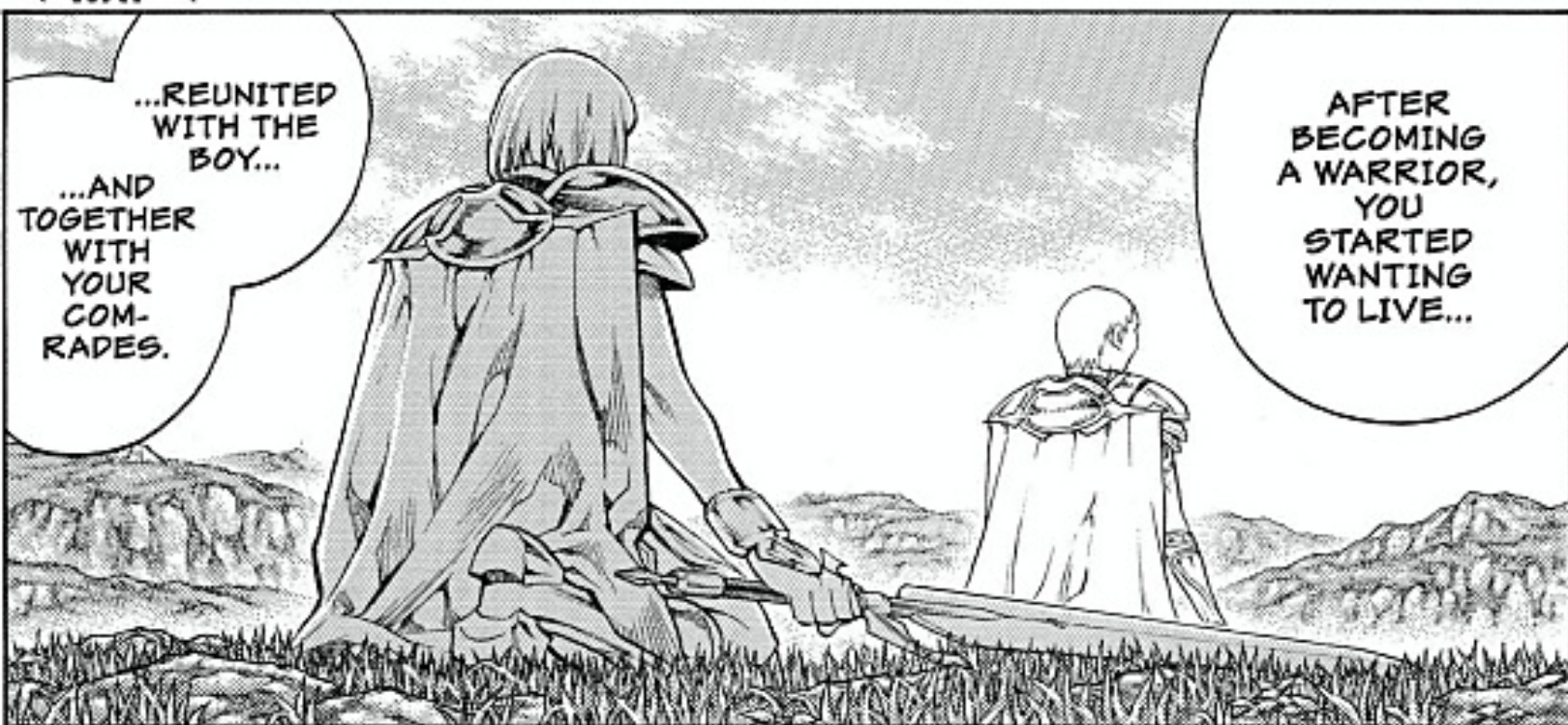
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YOU
MYSTIFY
ME.



YOU KNOW
BETTER
THAN HER
THAT YOU
HAVE
NOTHING
LEFT
TO TRY.

WHAT-
EVER
YOU DO,
IT'S
FUTILE.



...REUNITED
WITH THE
BOY...

...AND
TOGETHER
WITH
YOUR
COM-
RADES.

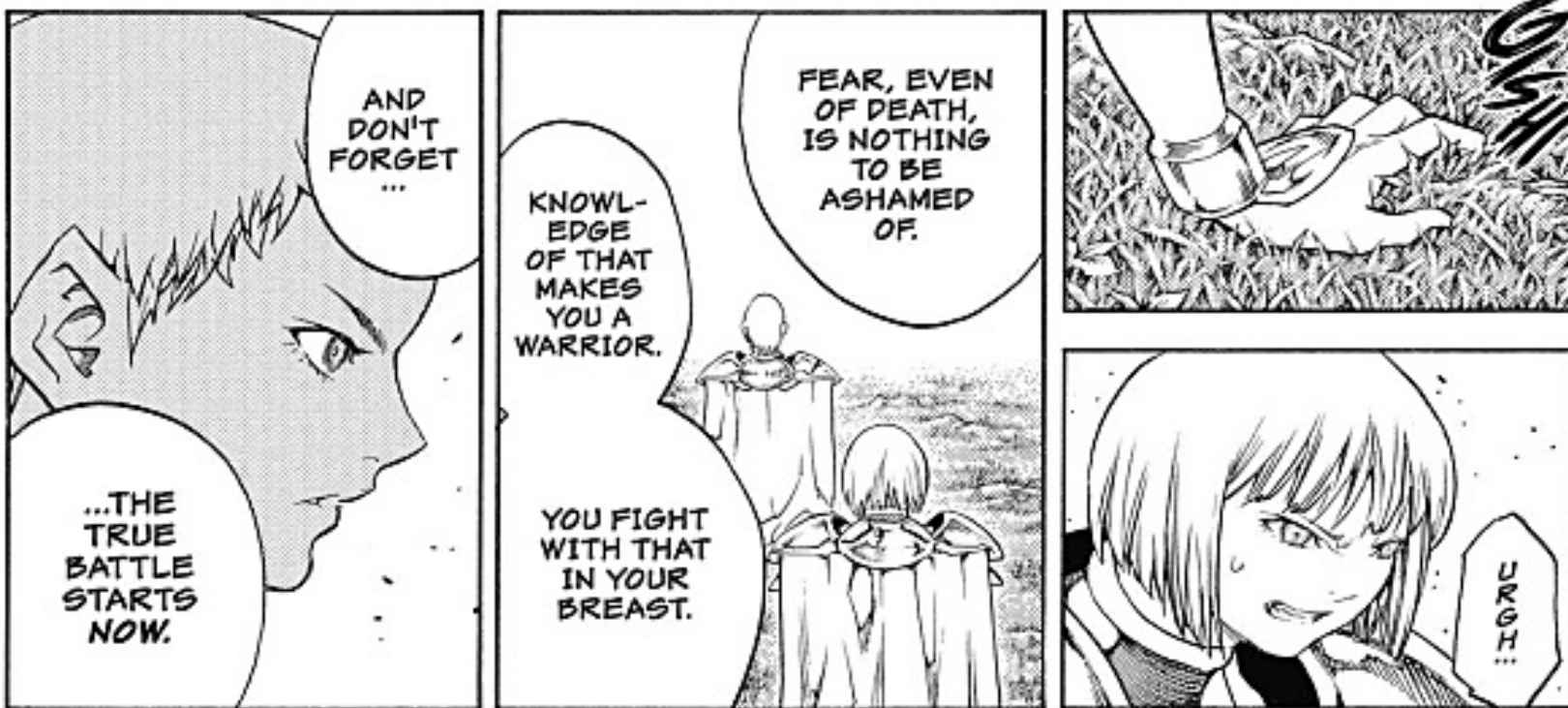
AFTER
BECOMING
A WARRIOR,
YOU
STARTED
WANTING
TO LIVE...



PUT
ANOTHER WAY,
YOU TOOK
LIFE LIGHTLY,
BUT NOW
YOU FEEL
ITS FULL
WEIGHT.

BUT IT'S
DIFFER-
ENT
NOW.

UNTIL NOW,
YOU WERE
READY
TO DIE TO
KILL
PRISCILLA.



AND
DON'T
FORGET
...

...THE
TRUE
BATTLE
STARTS
NOW.

KNOWL-
EDGE
OF THAT
MAKES
YOU A
WARRIOR.

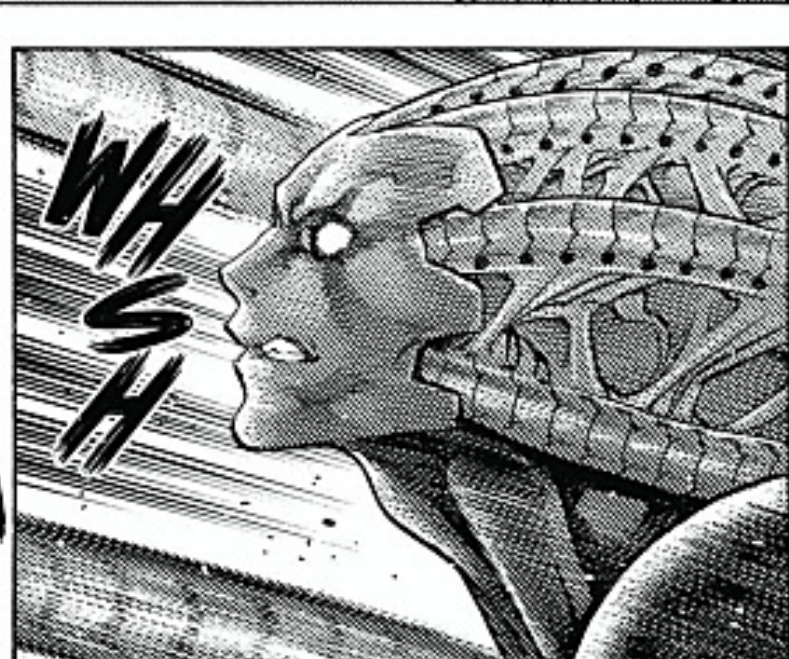
YOU FIGHT
WITH THAT
IN YOUR
BREAST.

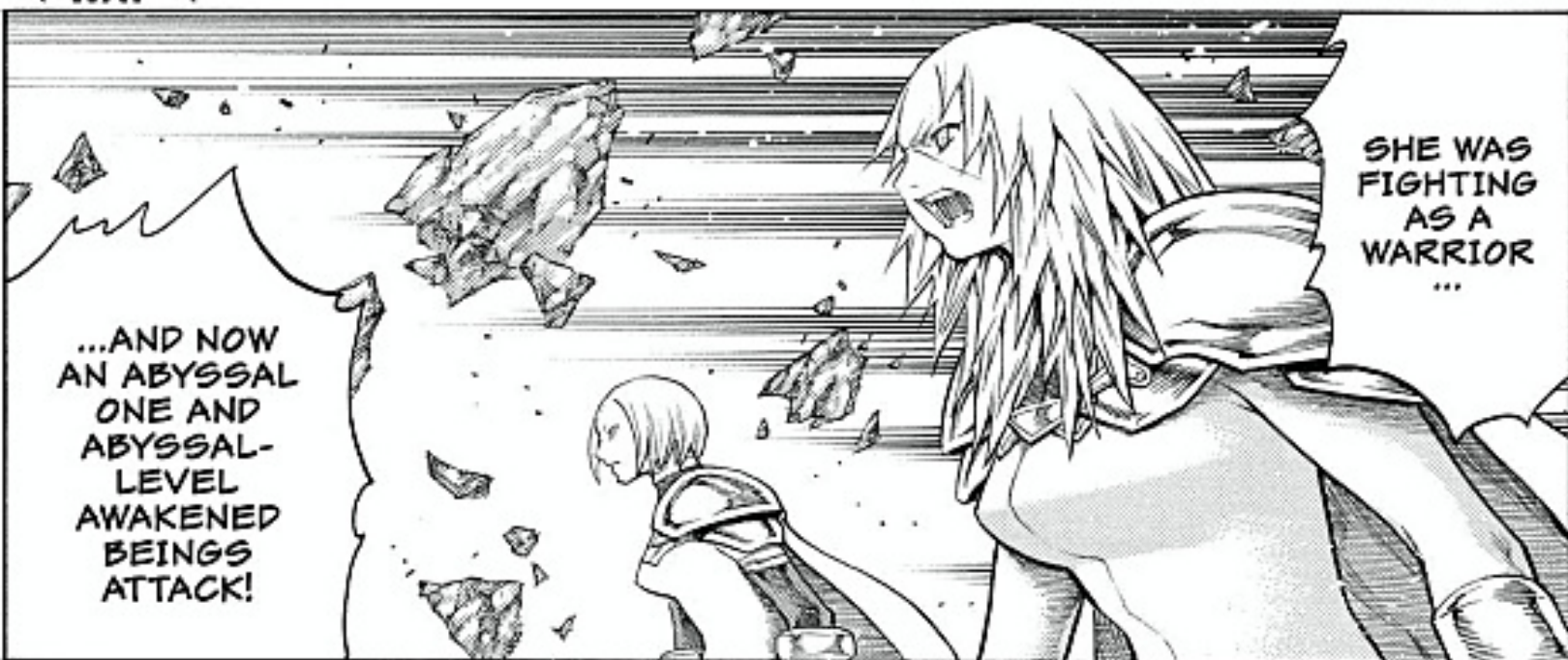
FEAR, EVEN
OF DEATH,
IS NOTHING
TO BE
ASHAMED
OF.

UGH!!



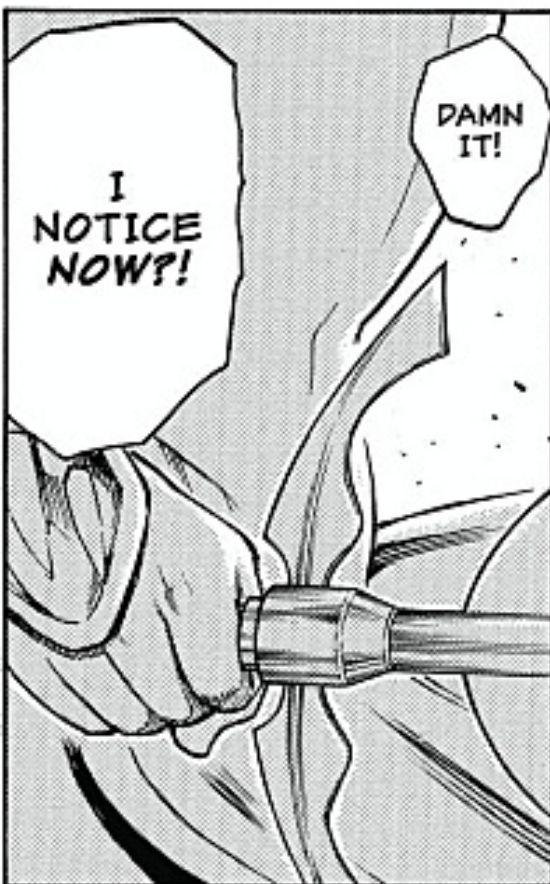
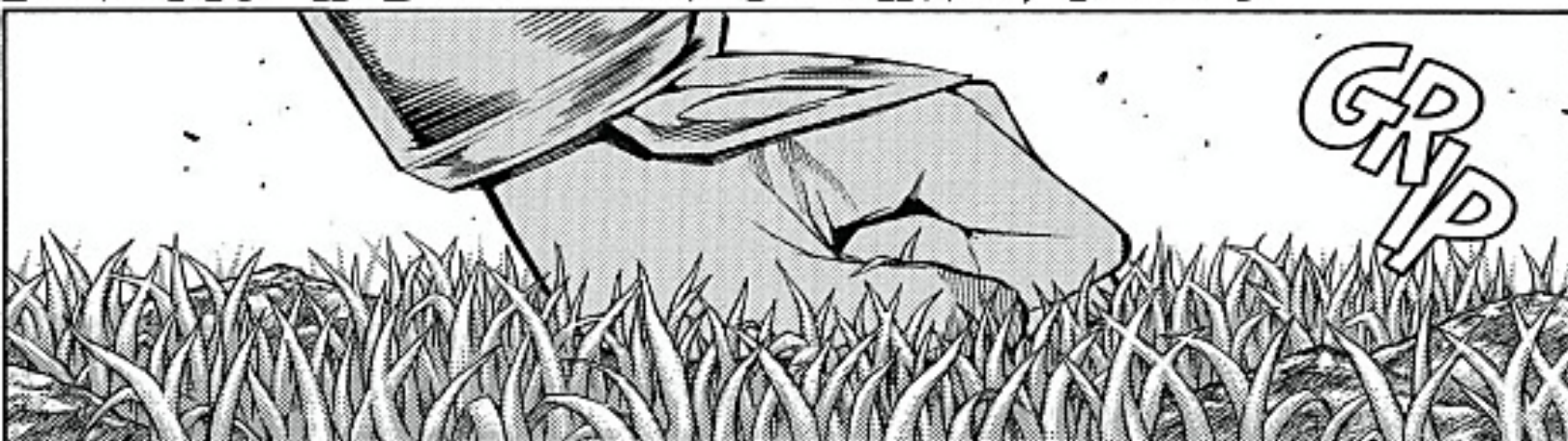






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SCENE 146: A BLADE FROM FAR AWAY, PART 3



I
NOTICE
NOW?!

DAMN
IT!



DAMN
...

DAMN
...

DAMN
...

MOVE
...

MOVE
...

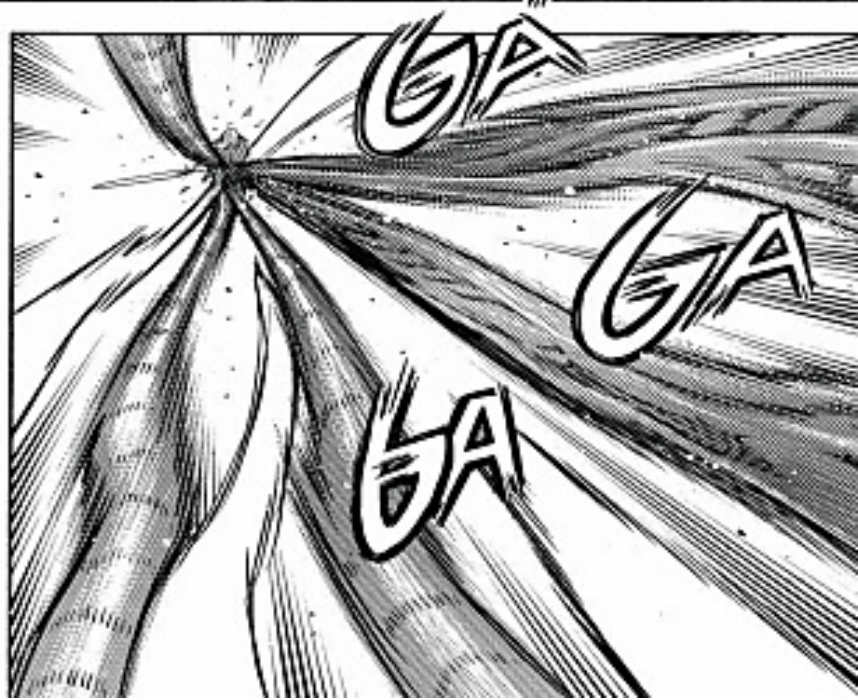
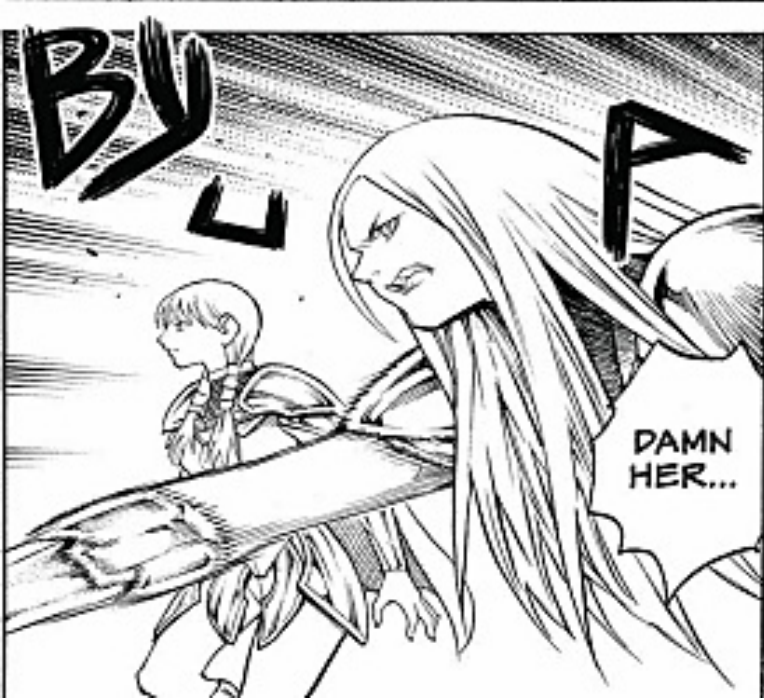
I MAY
HAVE
MERELY
WANTED
TO DO
THAT TIME
OVER.

DENEVE
IS RIGHT
ABOUT
EVERY-
THING.

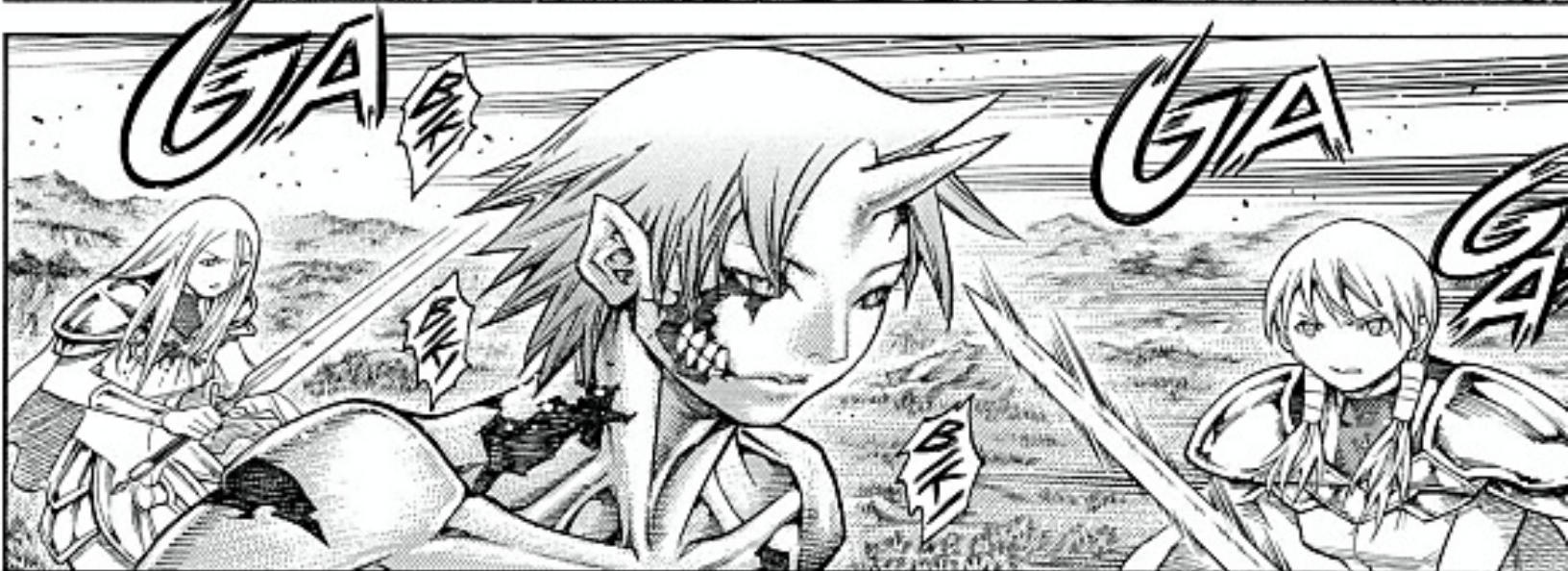
YES...



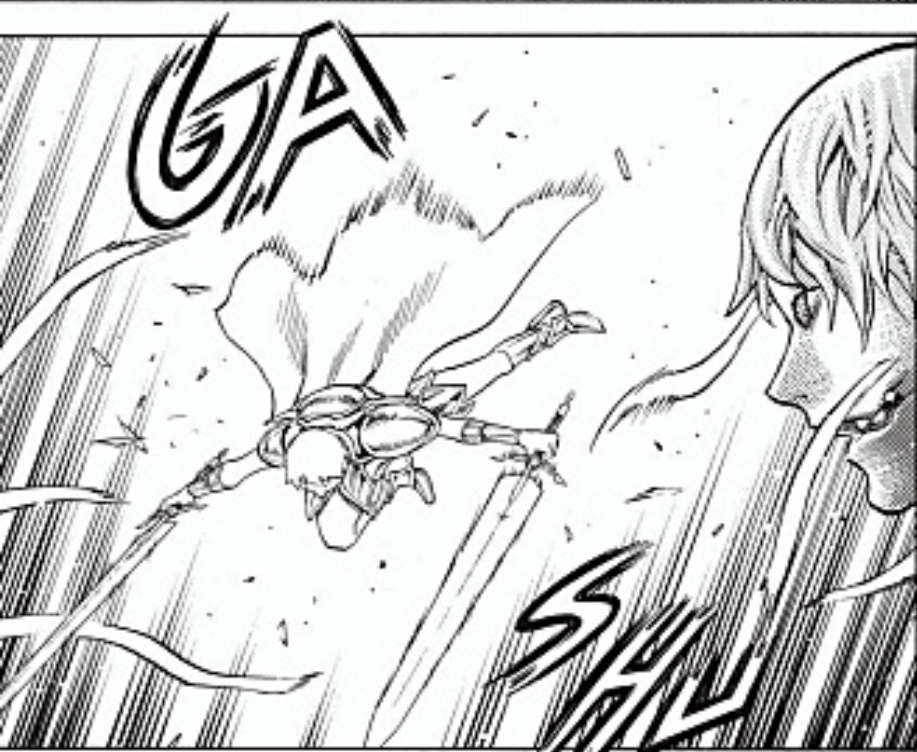


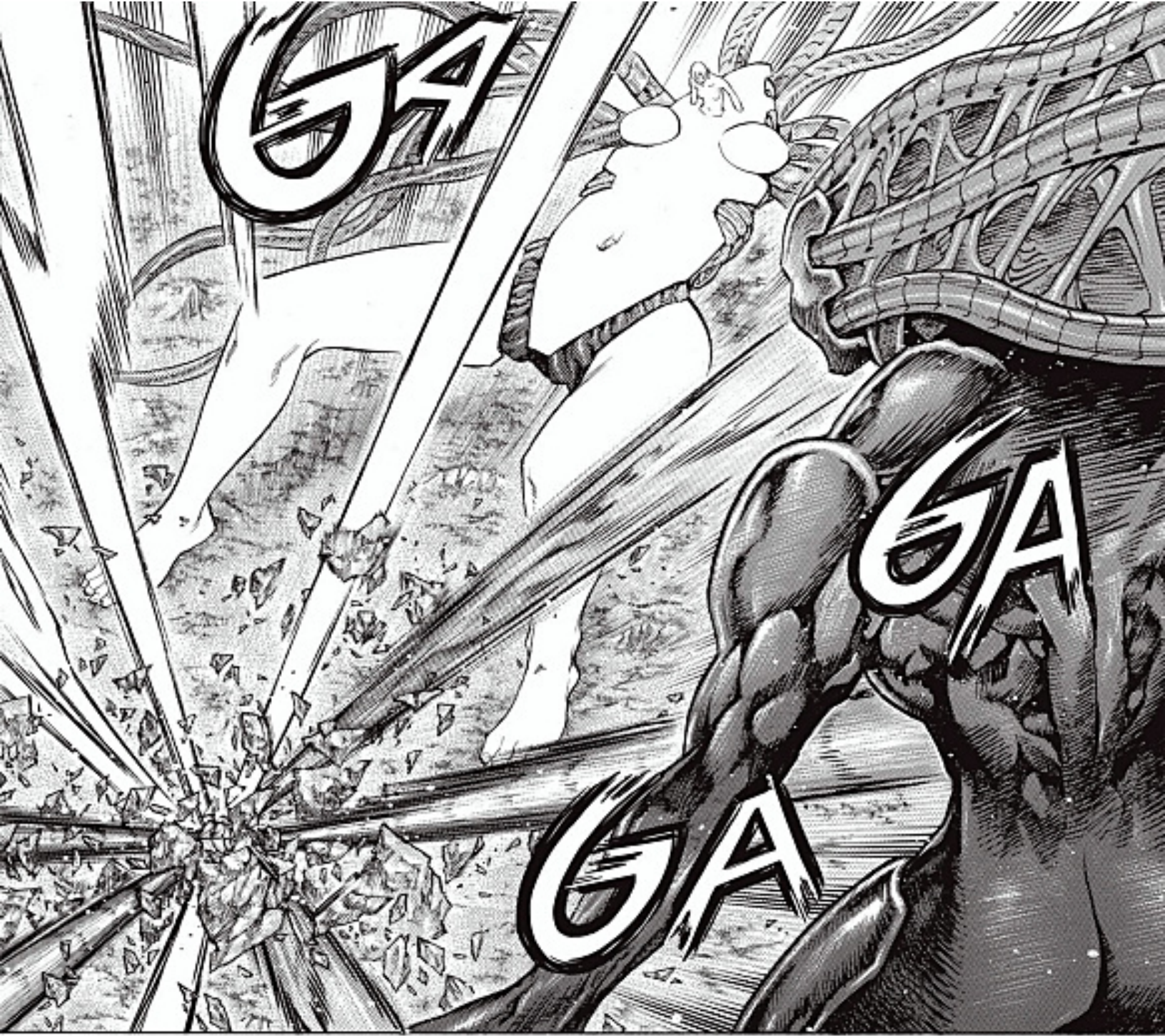


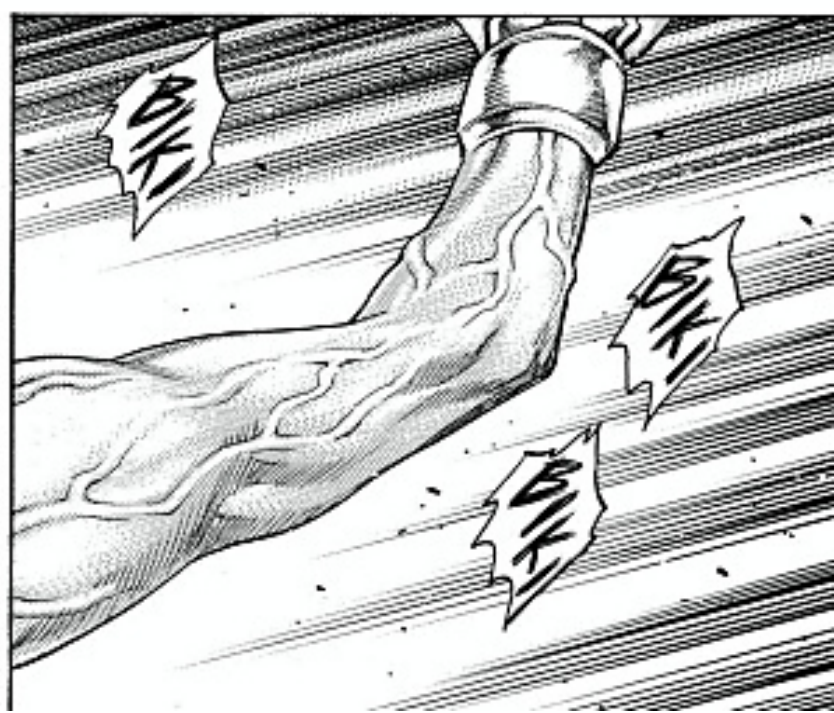
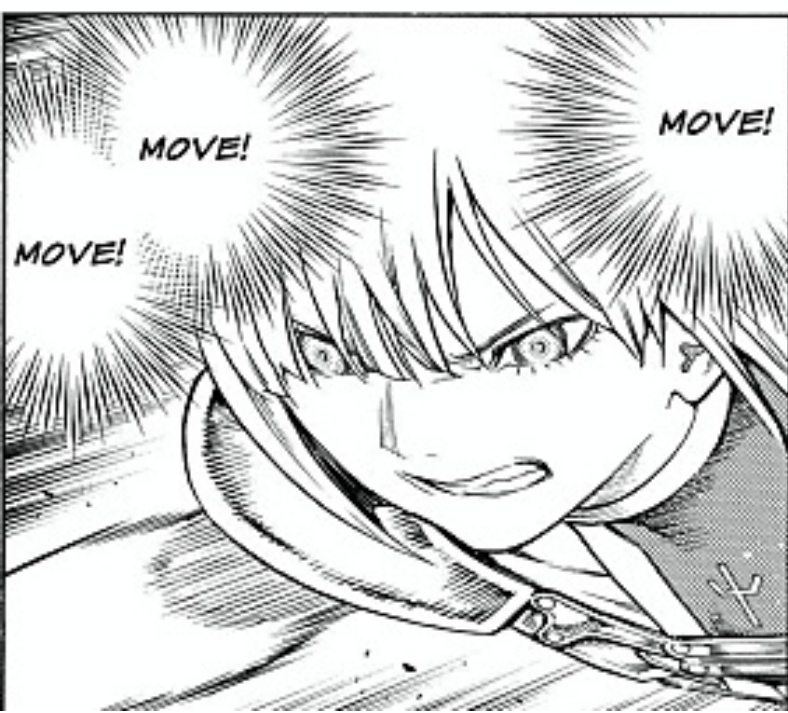
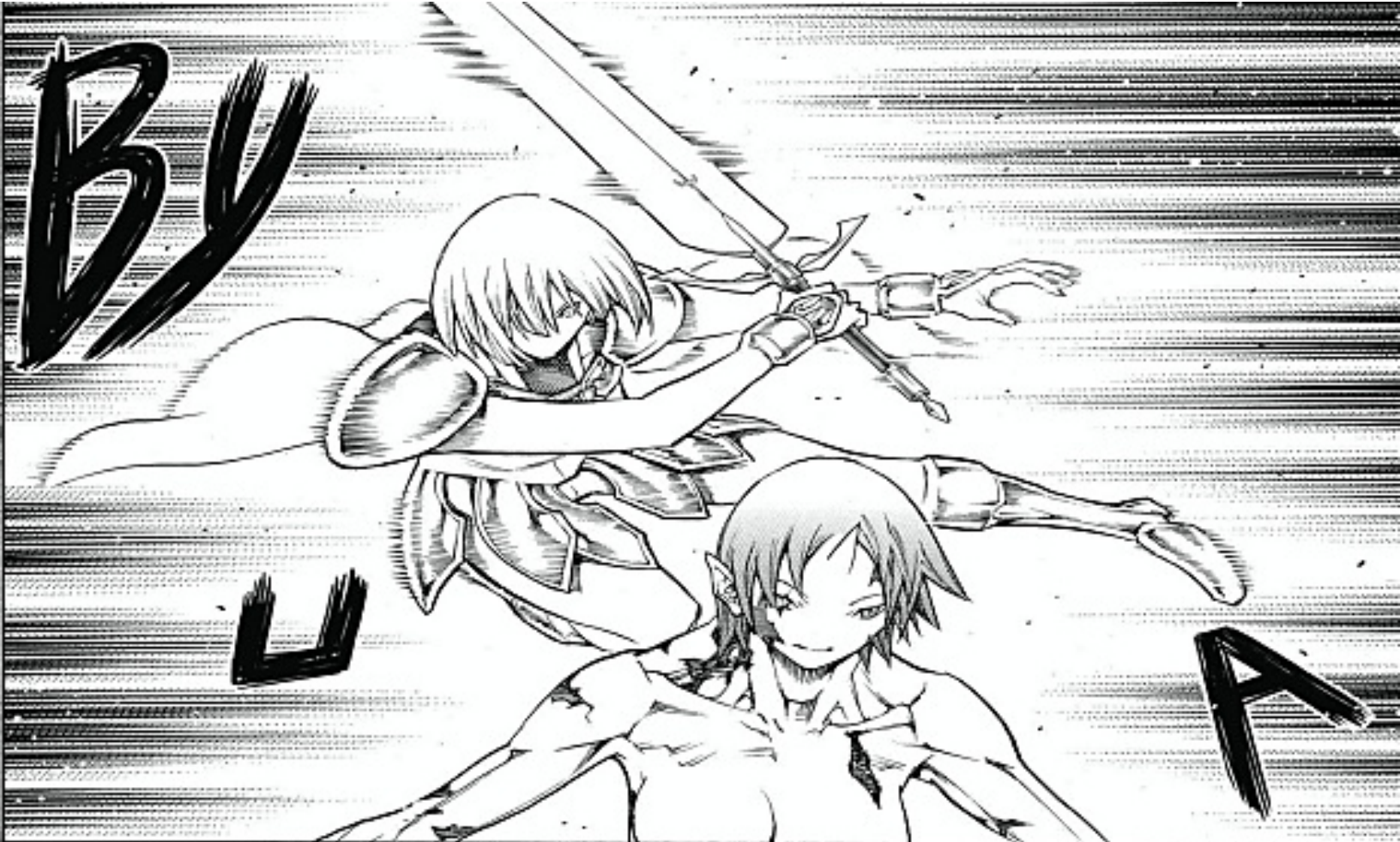














...FIGHTING
ALONE.

I WAS
ALWAYS
...



...AND IT
WASN'T
THAT I
DIDN'T FIGHT
AT MY
COMPANIONS'
SIDE...

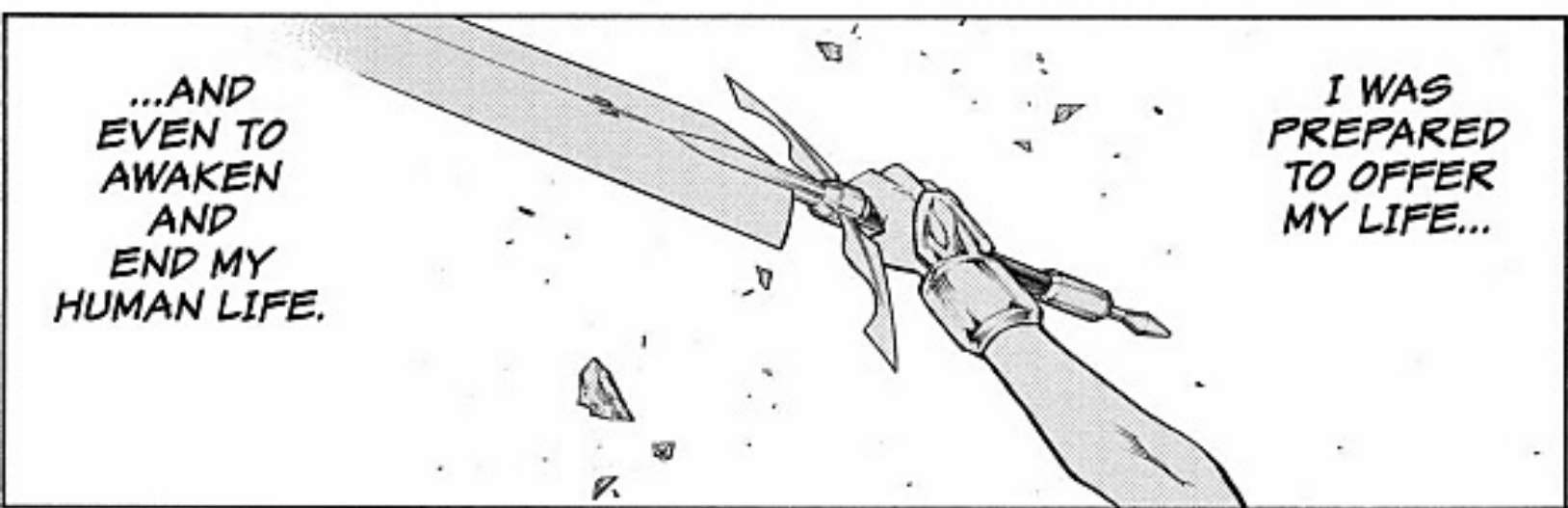
IT
WASN'T
THAT I
DIDN'T
HAVE
FRIENDS
...

...BUT I
PLANNED
TO SETTLE
THE FINAL
FIGHT ON
MY OWN.



...AND
EVEN TO
AWAKEN
AND
END MY
HUMAN LIFE.

I WAS
PREPARED
TO OFFER
MY LIFE...



I MAY
HAVE
MERELY
WANTED
TO DO
THAT TIME
OVER.

ALL I
COULD
DO WAS
TREMBLE
IN
TEARS.

FEAR
RATHER
THAN
ANGER
CONTROLLED
ME.

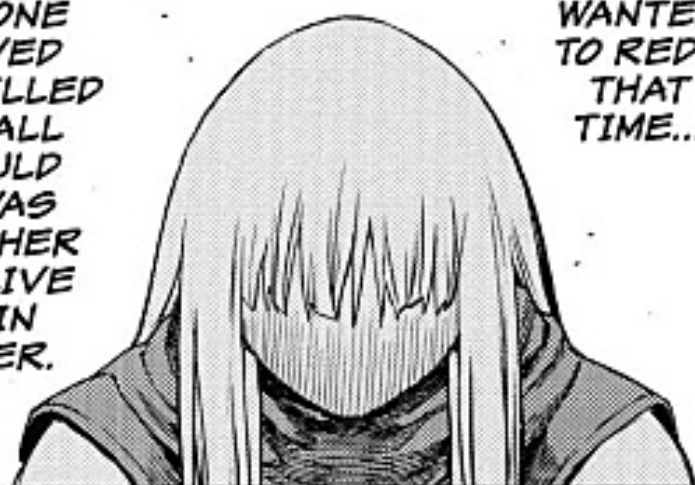
I
COULDN'T
ACCEPT
WHAT
HAPPENED
THAT
TIME.

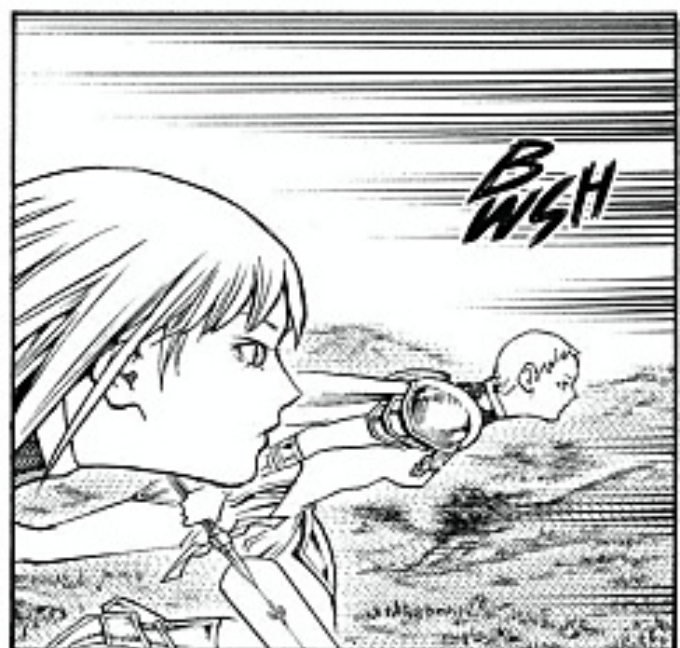


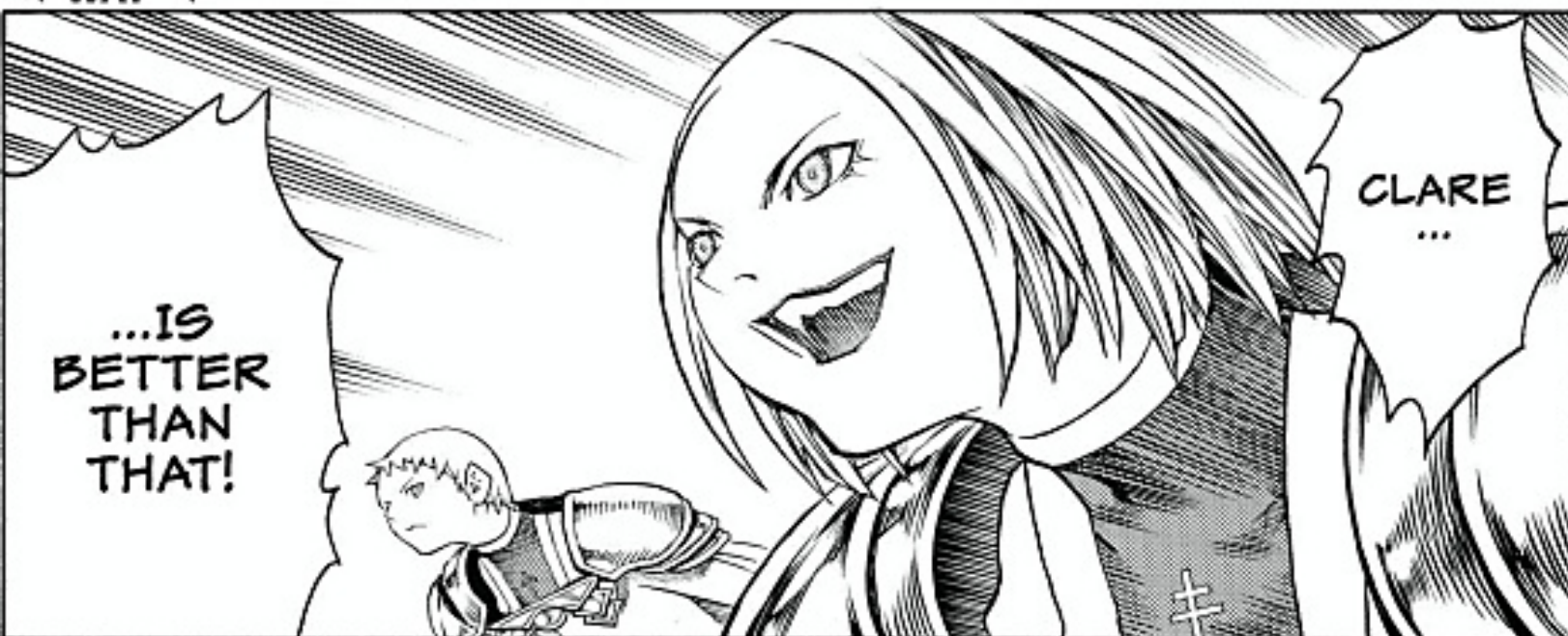
MY GOAL
WASN'T
DEFEATING
HER.
EVEN IF IT
MEANT DYING,
FACING
MY OPPONENT
WAS
EVERYTHING.

...WHEN
THE ONE
I LOVED
WAS KILLED
AND ALL
I COULD
DO WAS
HOLD HER
AND LIVE
ON IN
ANGER.

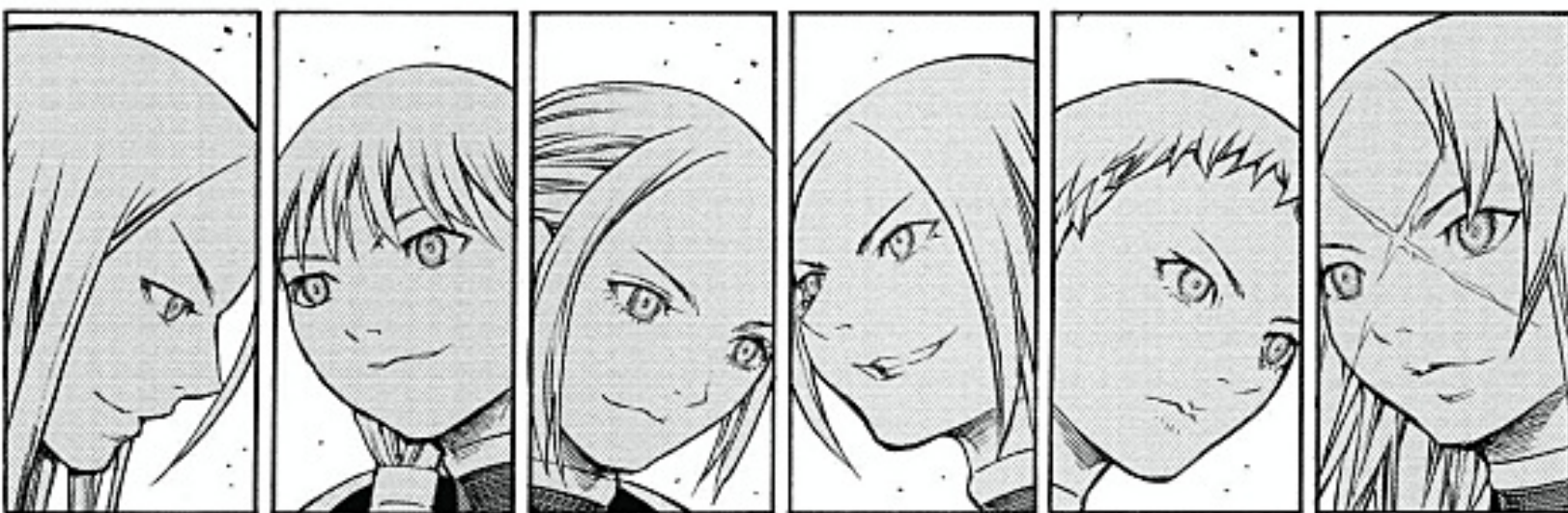
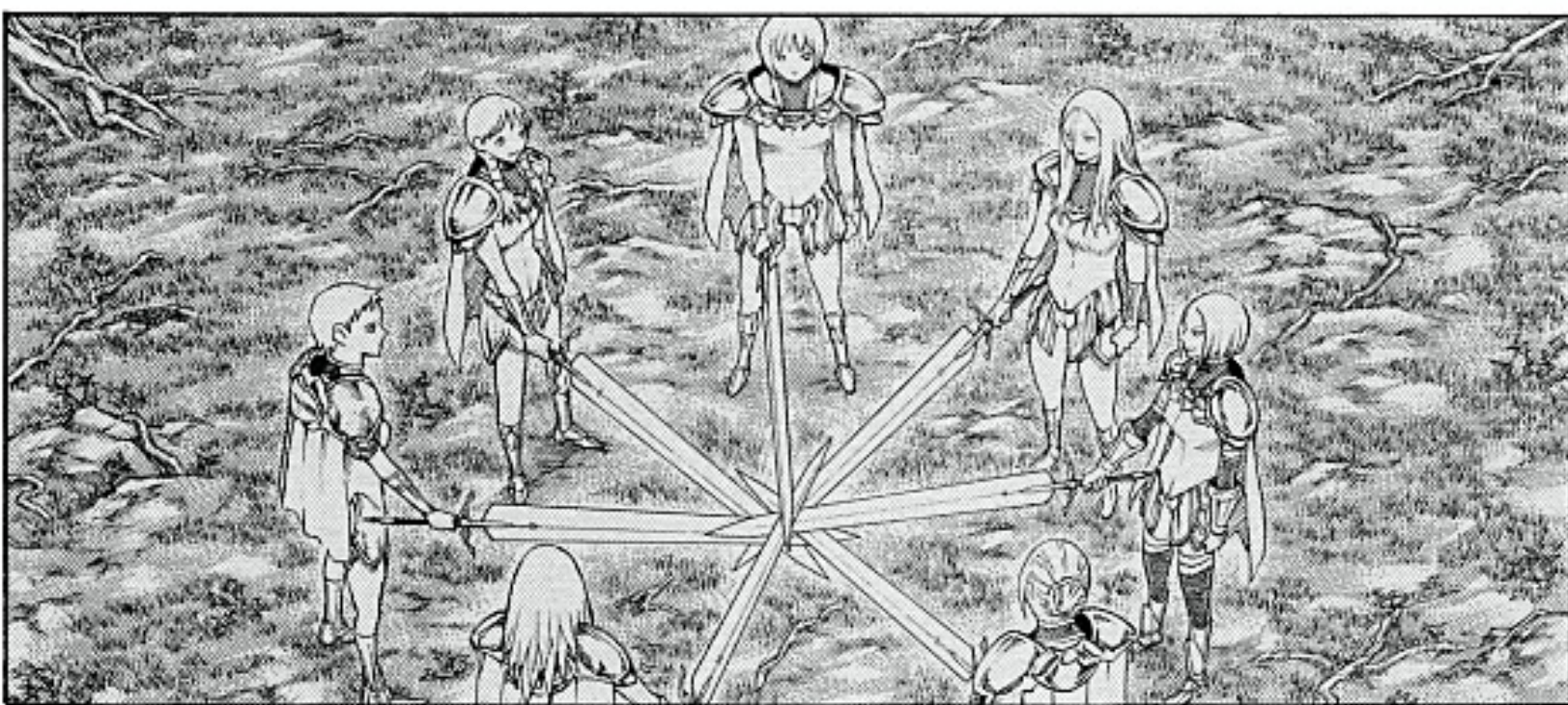
SO I
WANTED
TO REDO
THAT
TIME...







I'VE
GROWN
WEAK.



...I
HAVE
WISHED
TO LIVE
WITH
THEM.

EVER SINCE
REUNITING
WITH RAKI
AND
CROSSING
SWORDS
WITH MY
COMRADES
IN AN OATH
TO FIGHT
TOGETHER...

...I
LOST MY
FORMER
STRENGTH
TO RISK
IT ALL.

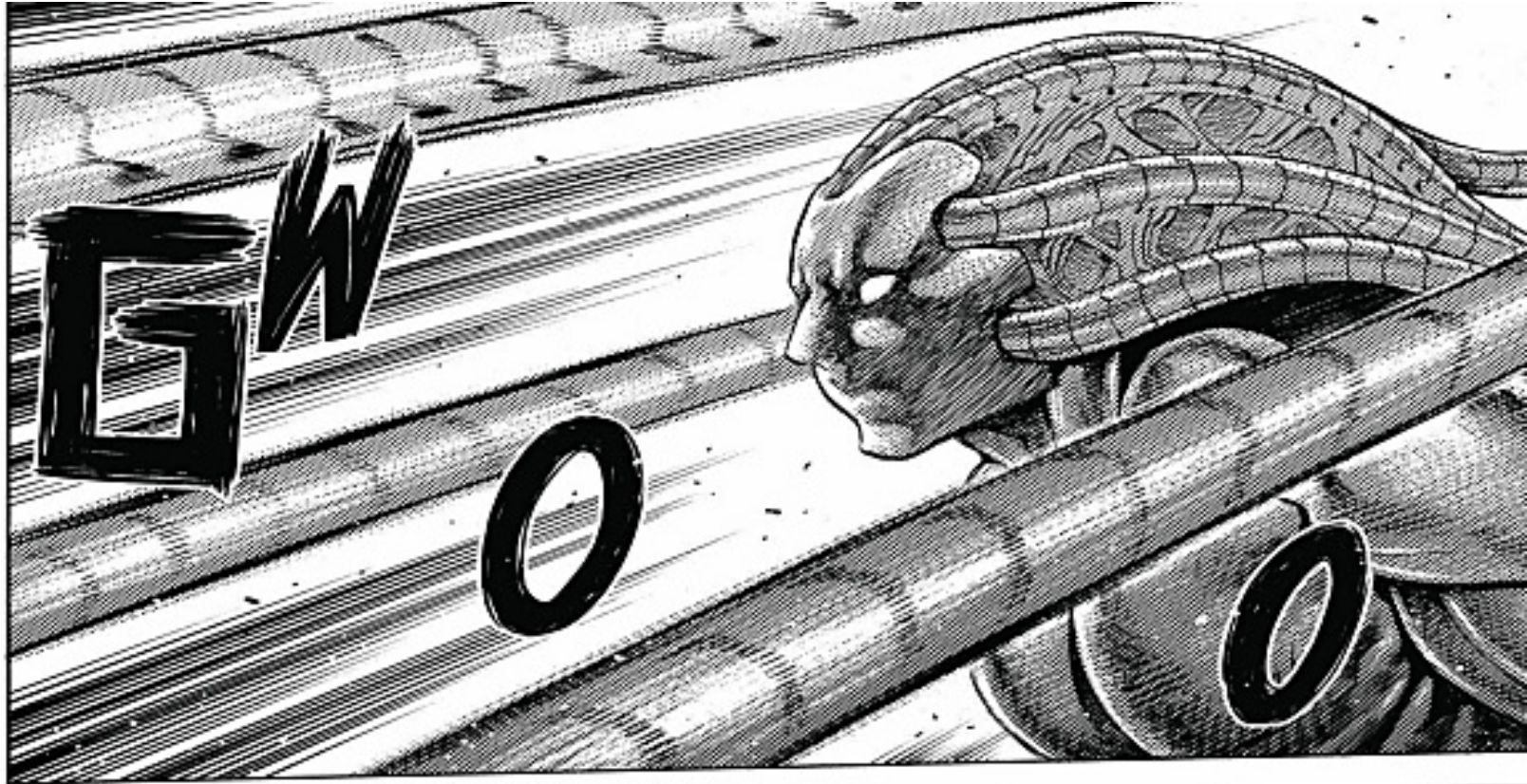
FEARING
THE LOSS
OF MY
COMRADES
AND
DESIRING
TO WALK
ALONGSIDE
THEM...

...I
LOST
THE
GREAT
STRENGTH
WITHIN
ME.

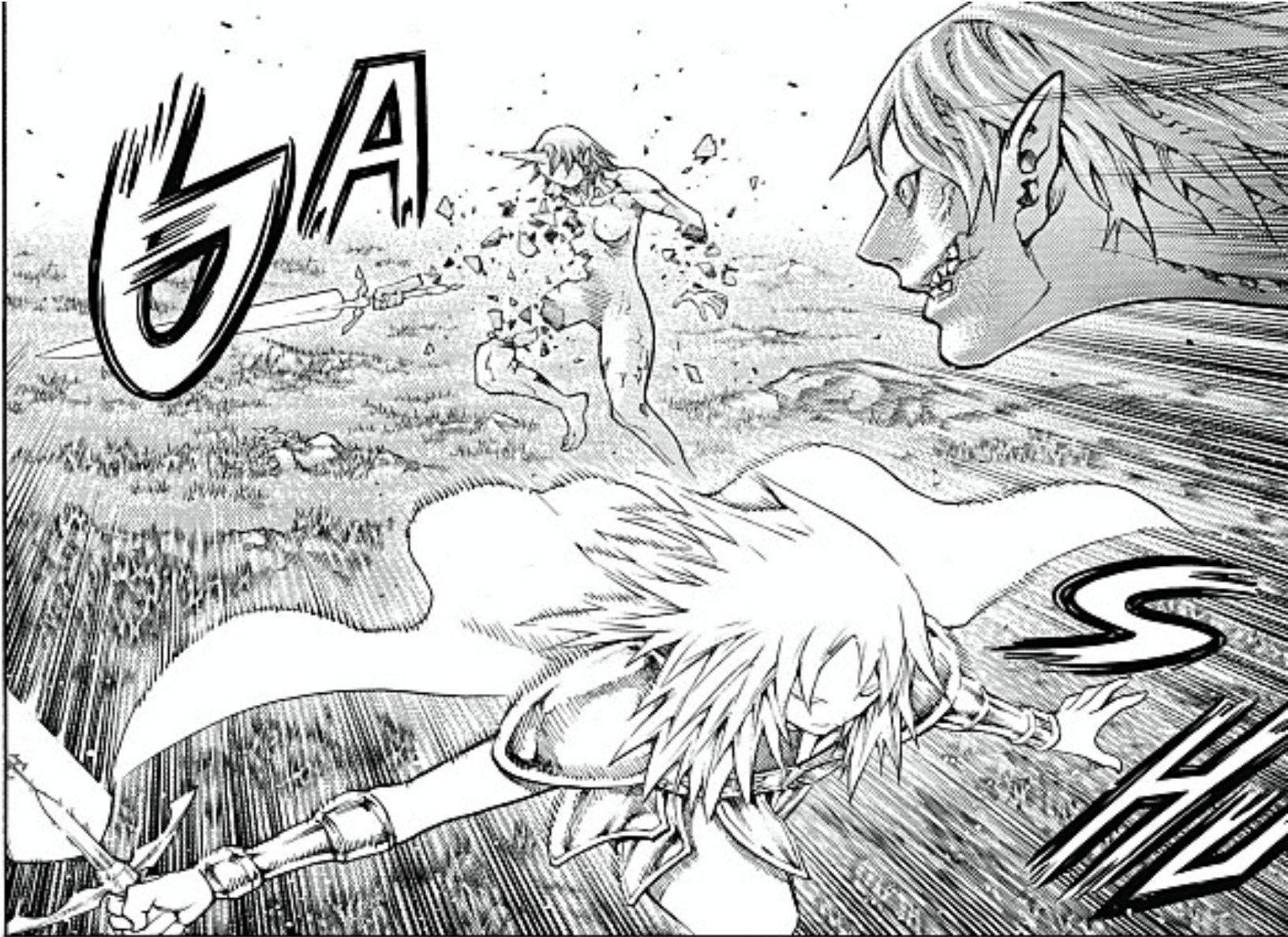
FIGHTING
BY MY
COMRADES
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...

...AND I
WIELDED
MY SWORD
IN
DESPERATE
FEAR OF
DYING.

I WAS
DEEPLY
AFRAID
OF HER
OVER-
WHELMING
POWER...





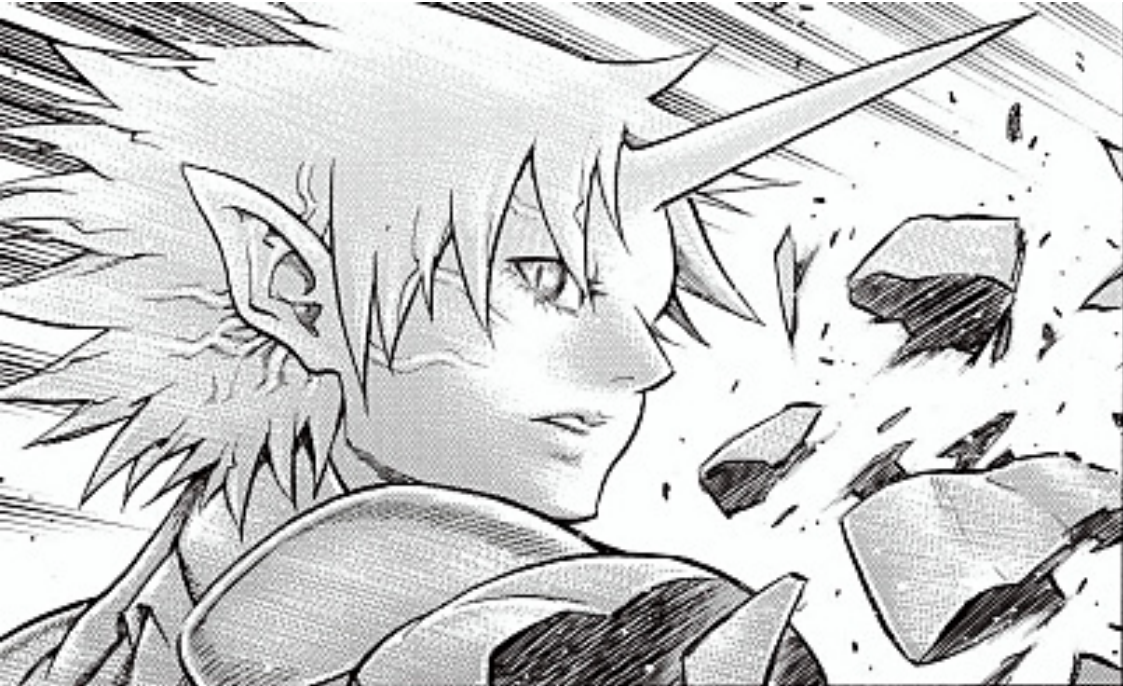




THE
POWER
I GAINED
IN
RETURN
ROUSED
MY
COWARDLY
SOUL.

OR
DID I
MISLEAD
YOU?

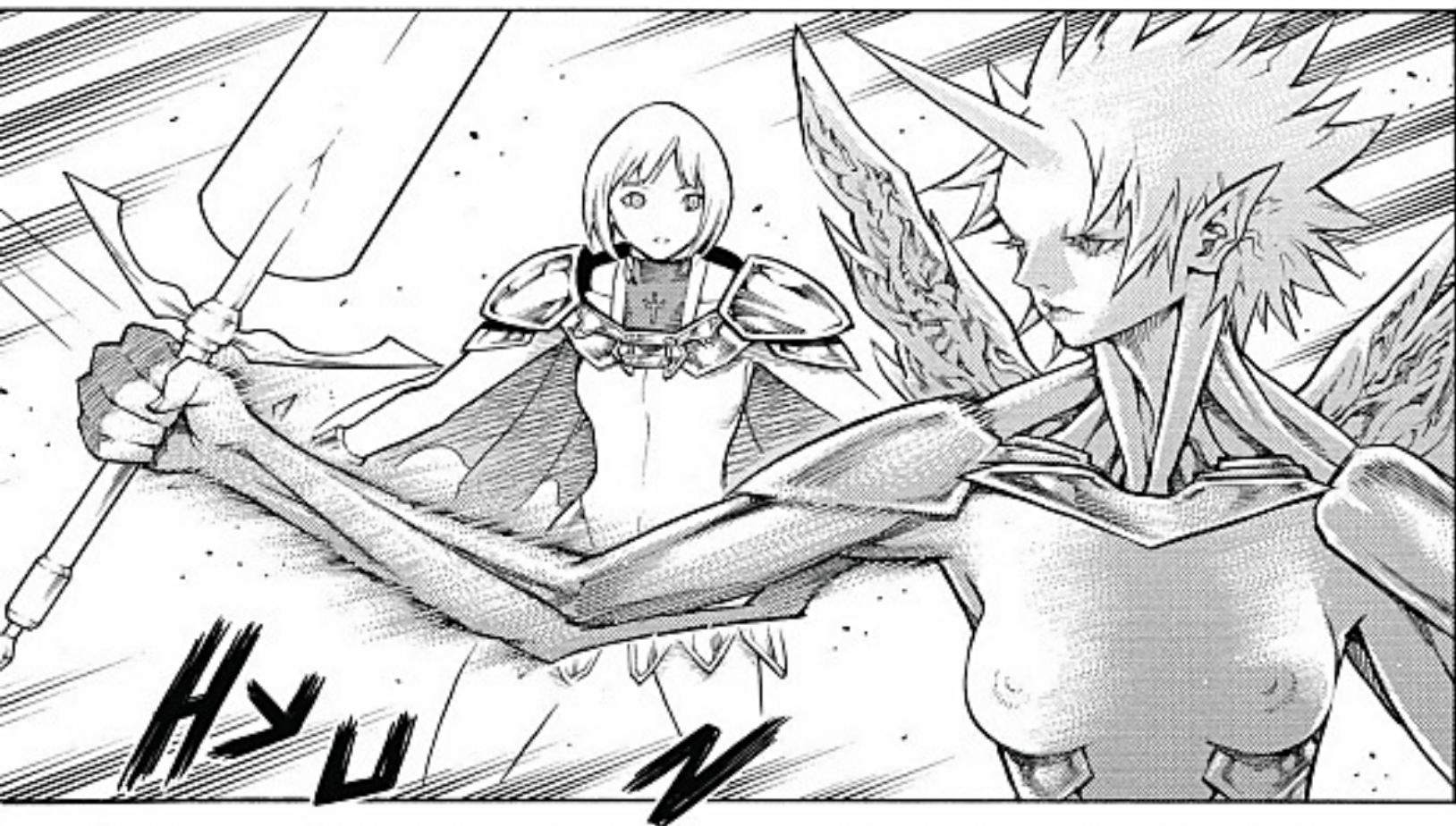
I TOLD
YOU MY
POWER
WOULD
GRADUALLY
RETURN.

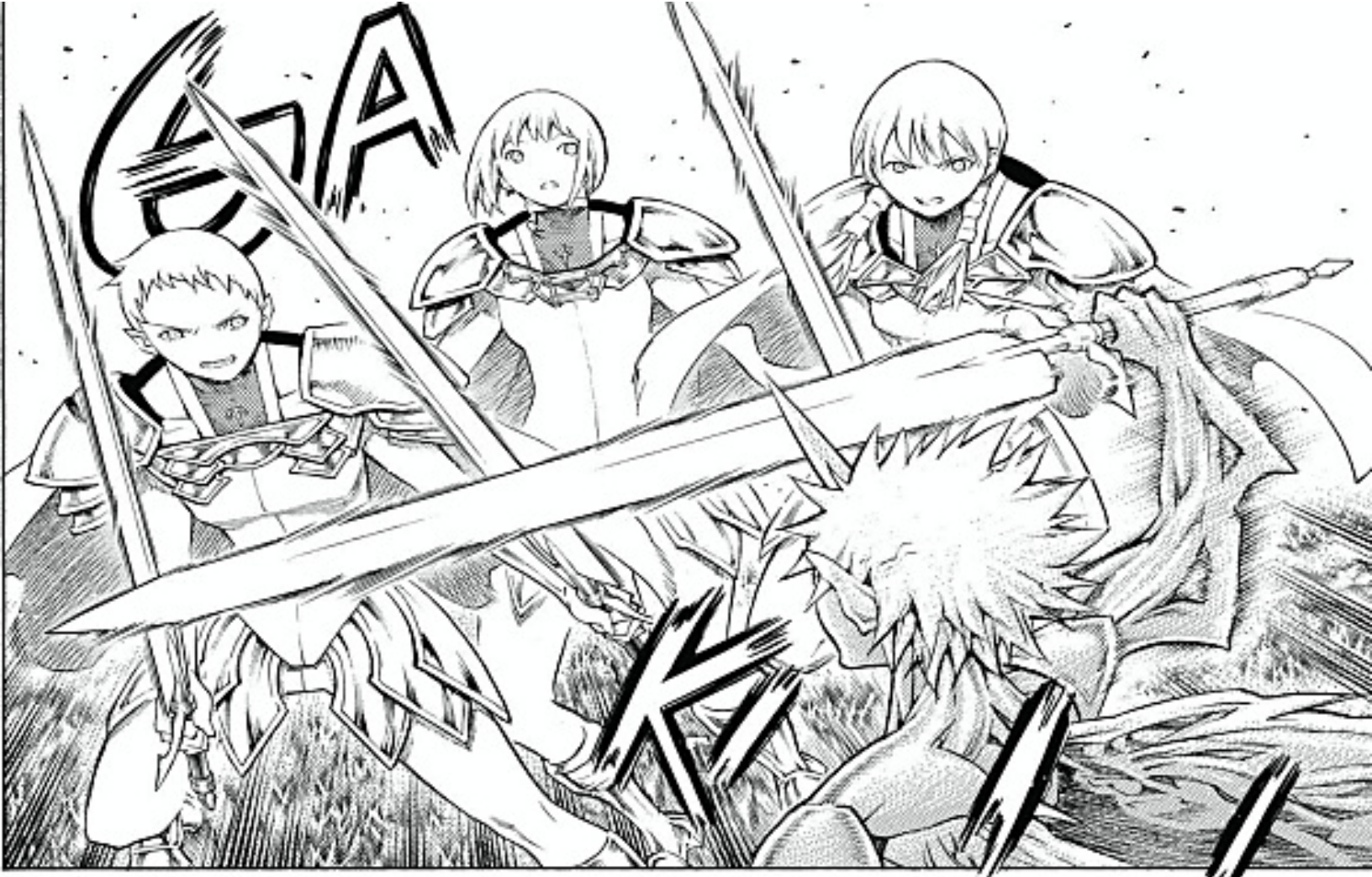




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Claymore

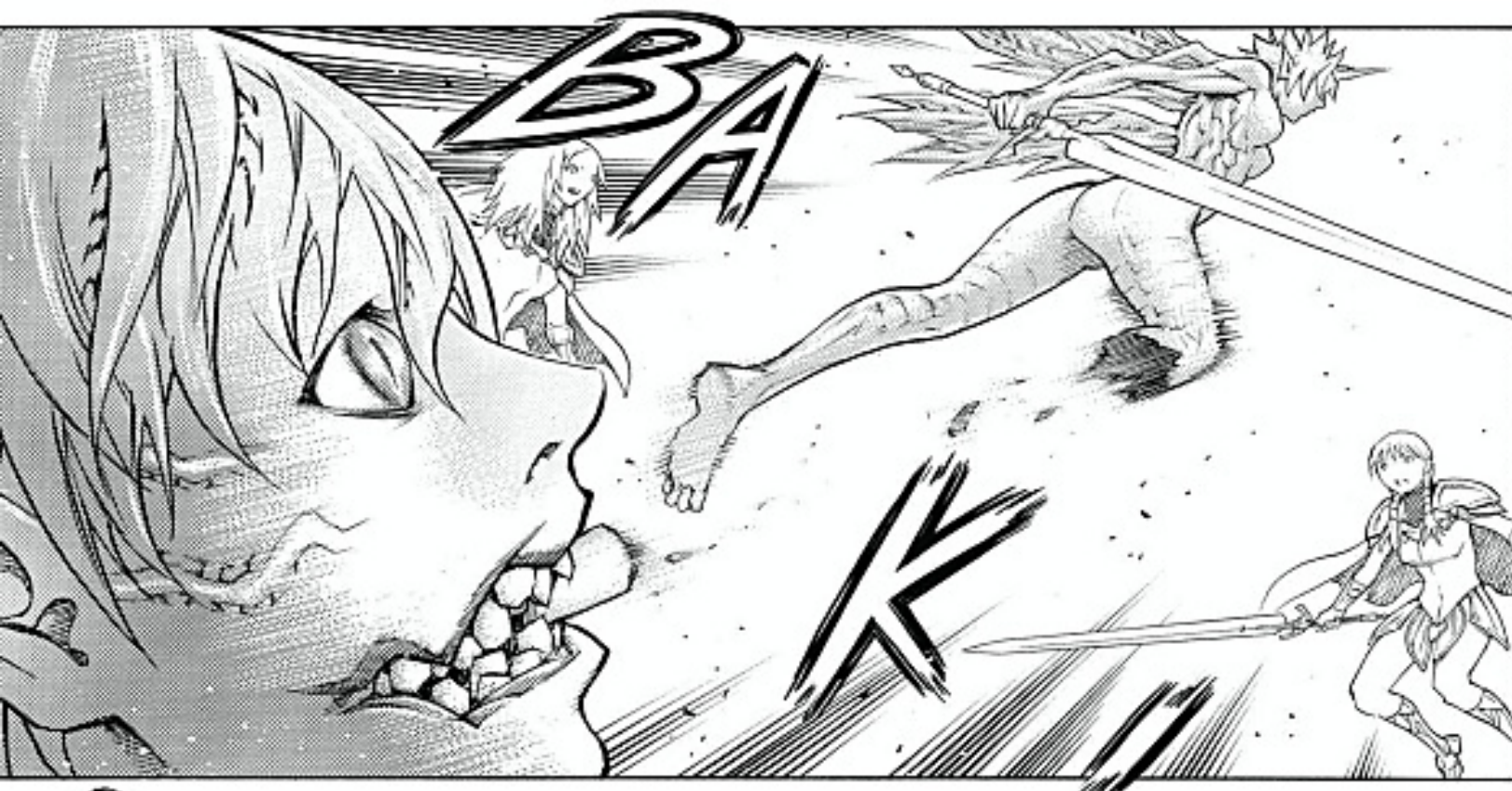
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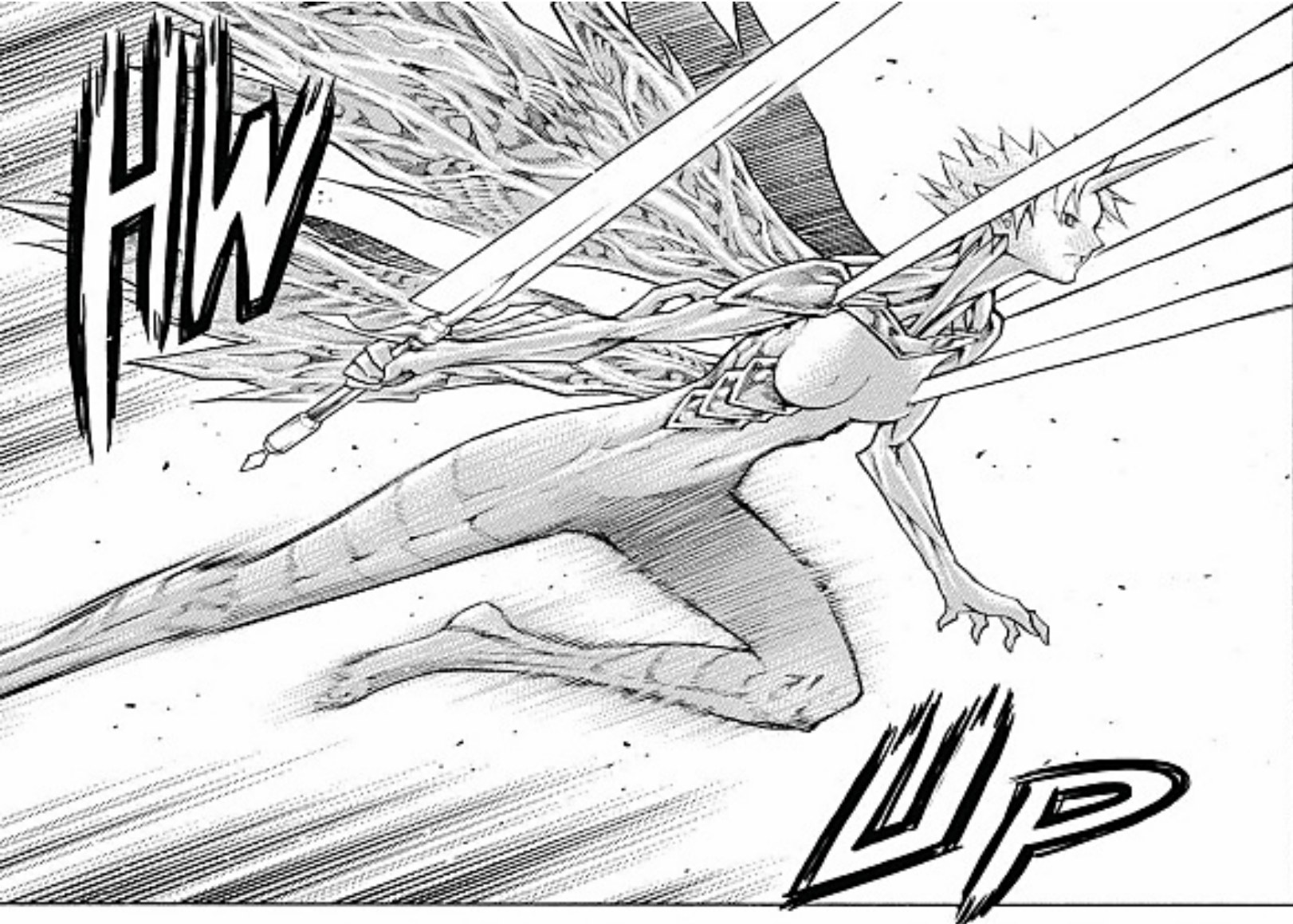


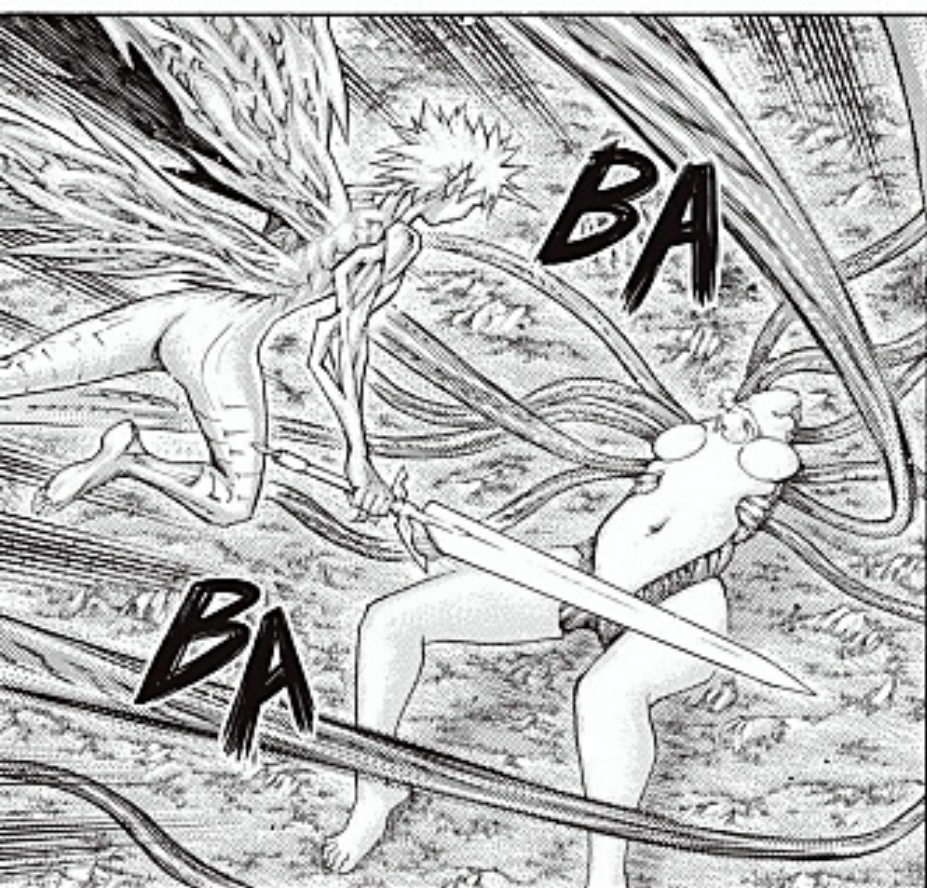


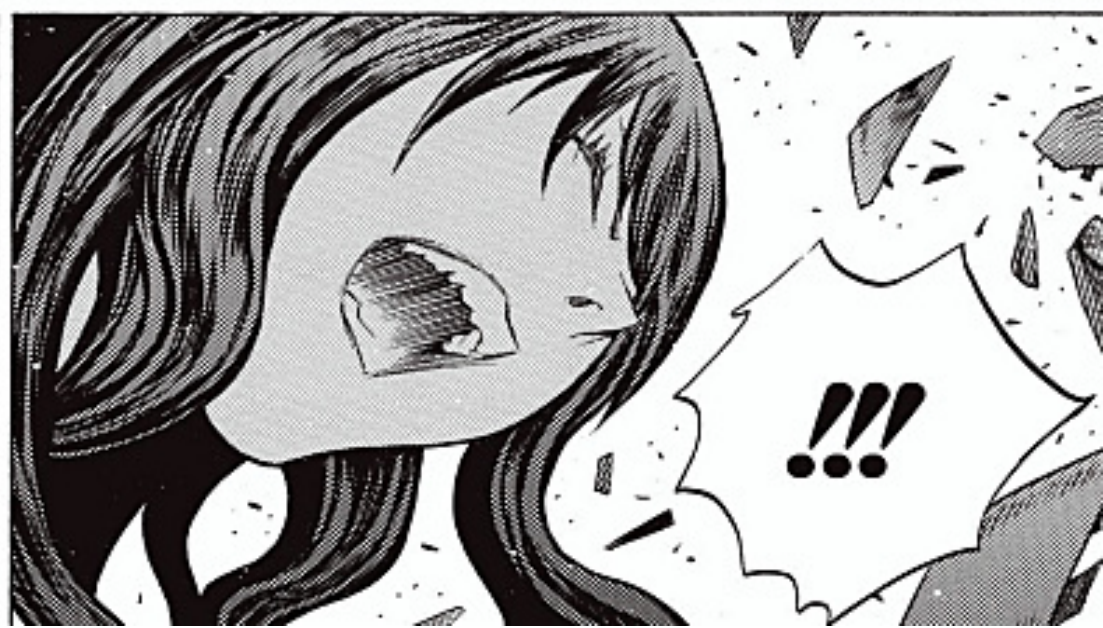
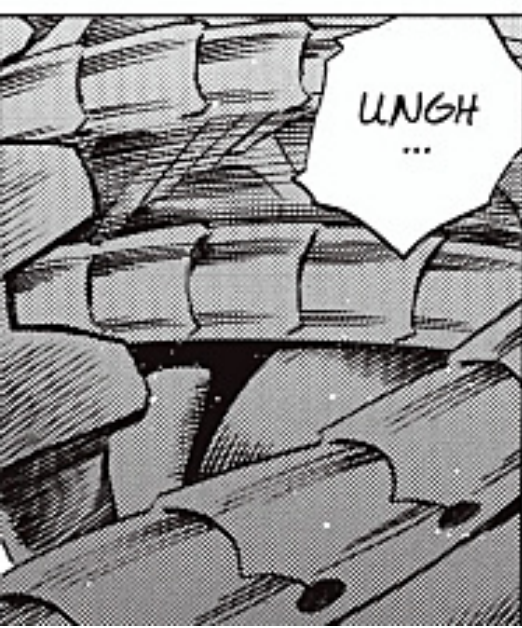
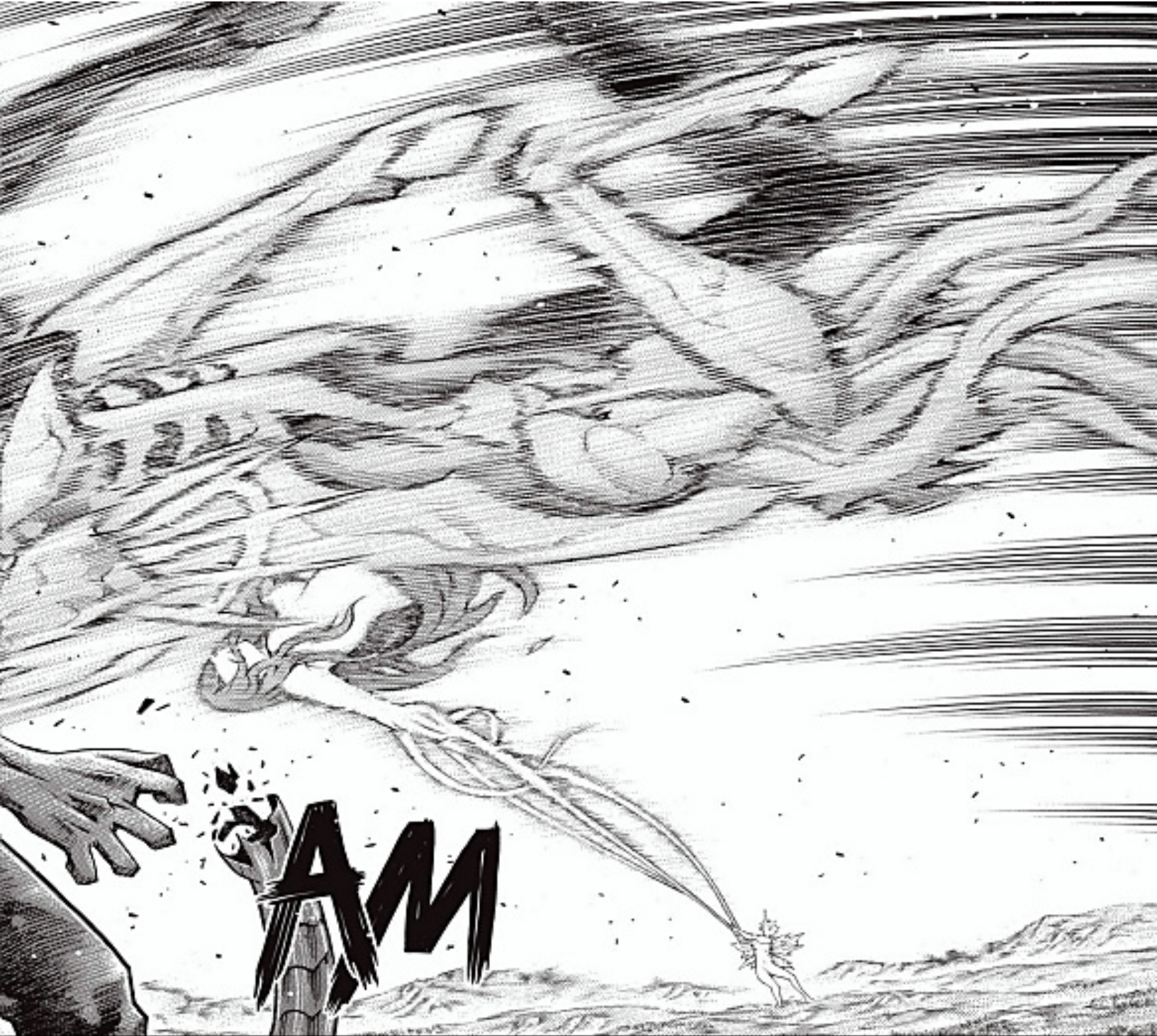


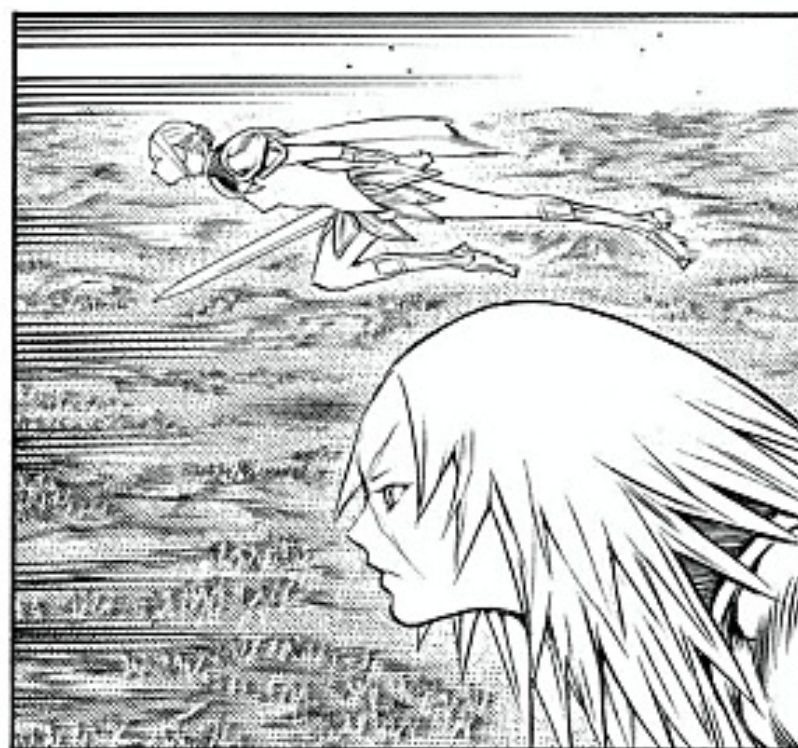
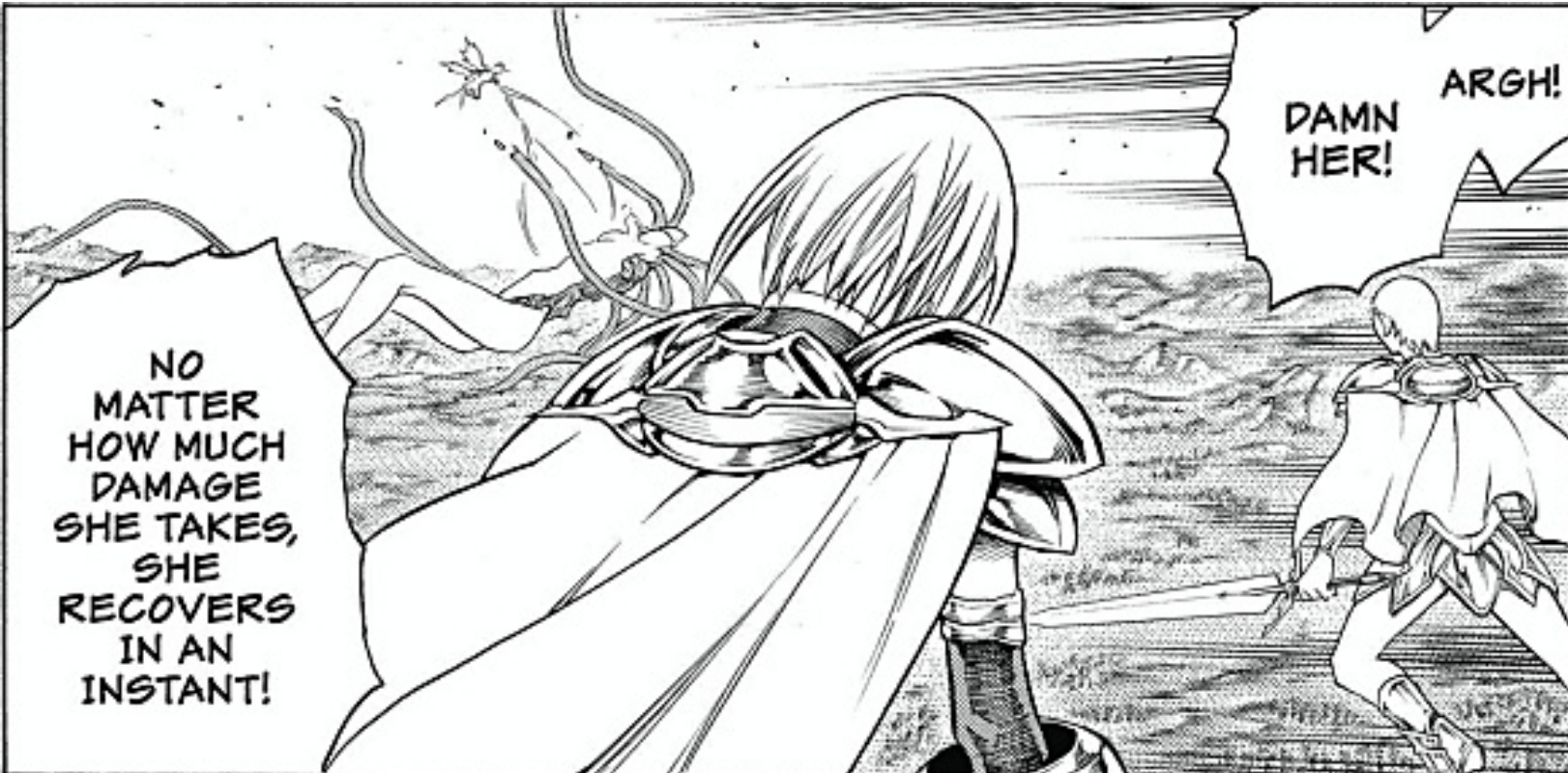






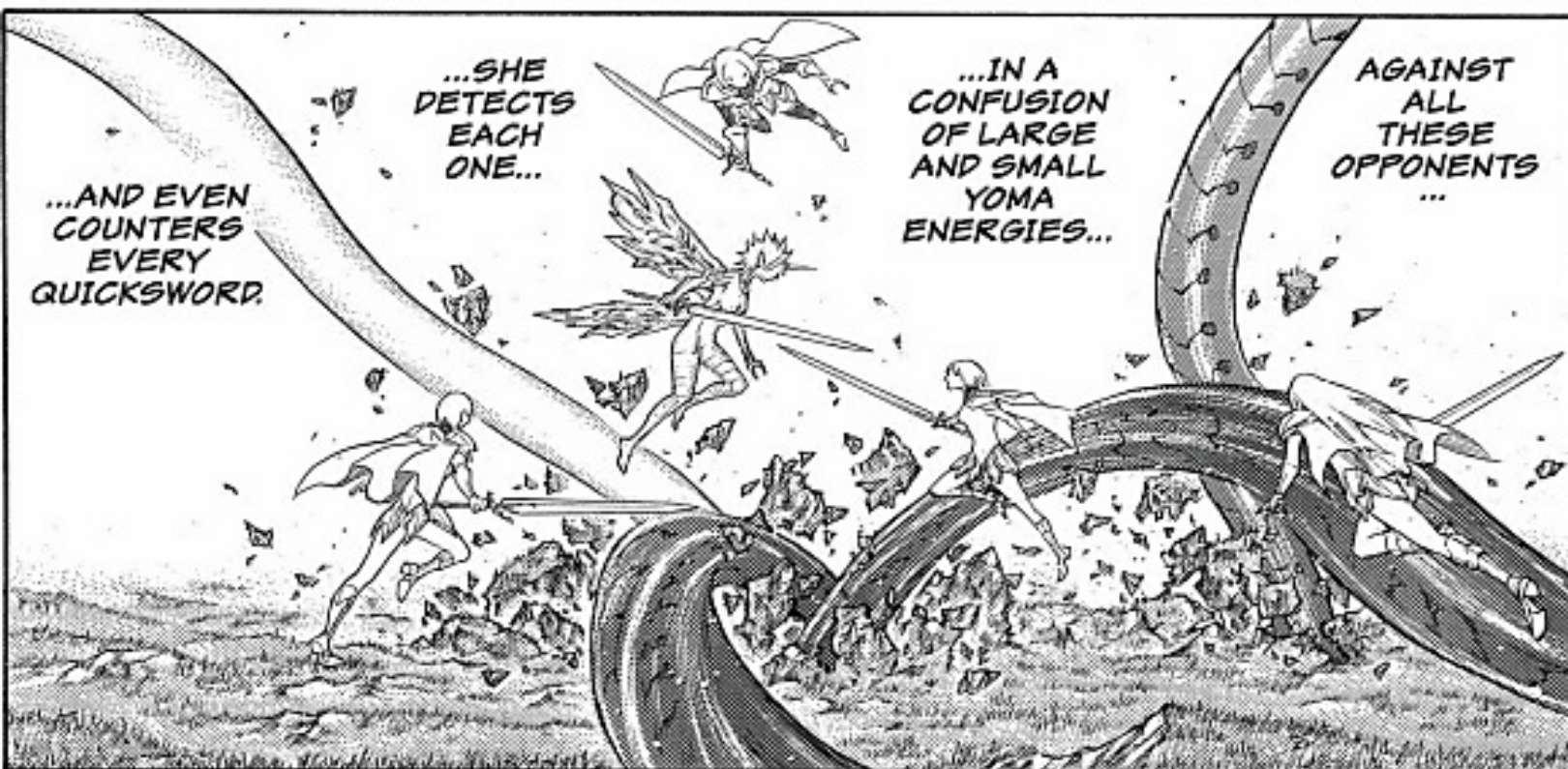










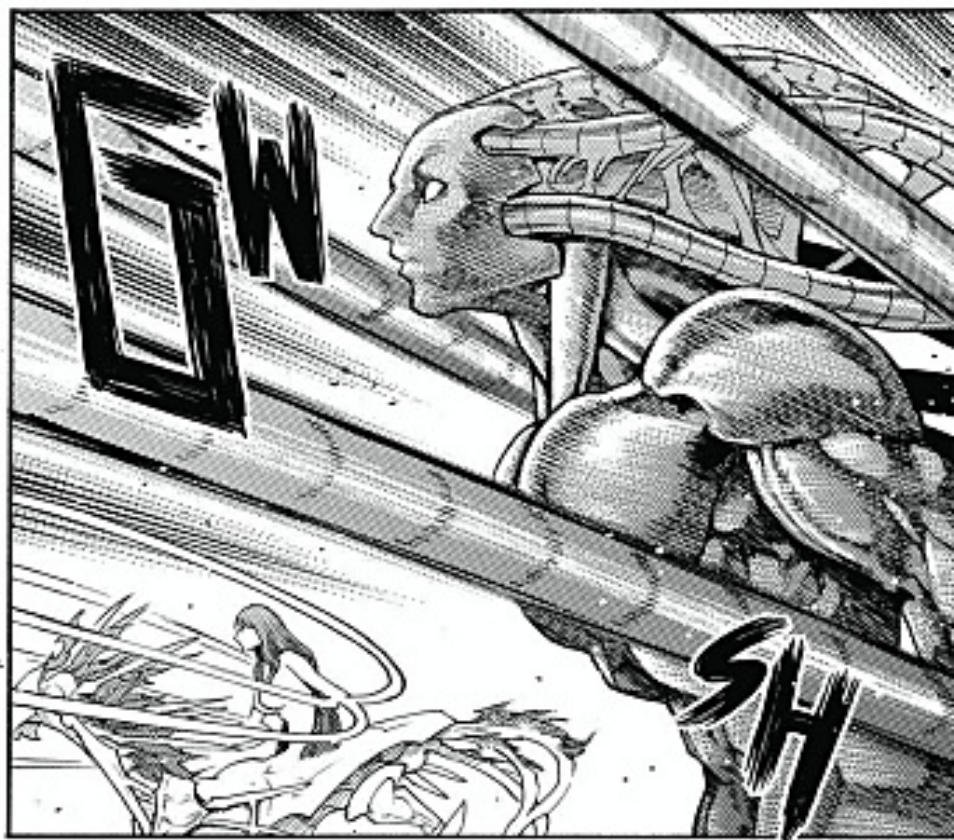






...IN HER
PERFECT
FIGHTING.

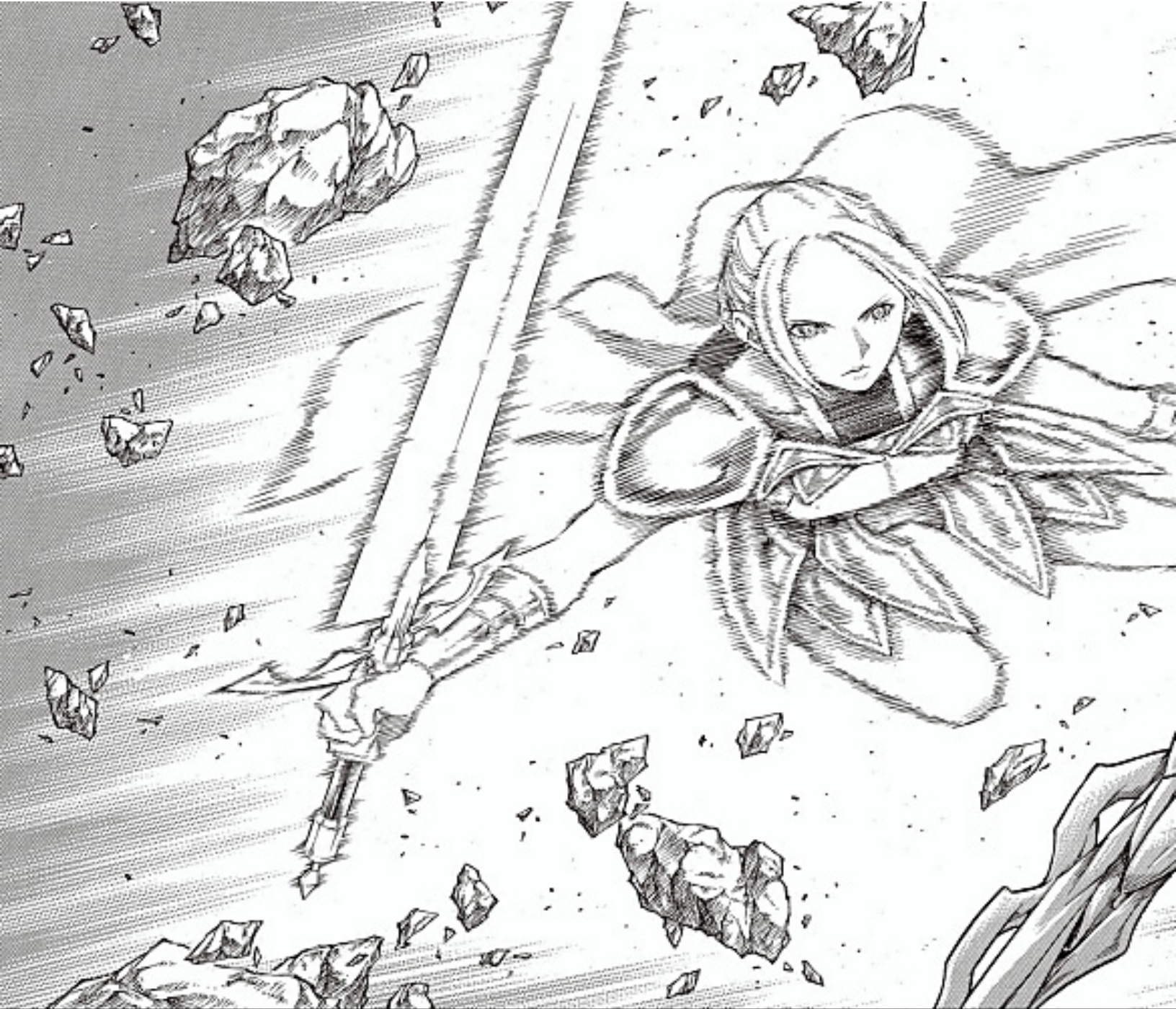
THAT IS
A SINGLE
OPENING...





...RELEASED BY
THE ONE OF US
WITH THE
LEAST AMOUNT
OF YOMA
ENERGY?

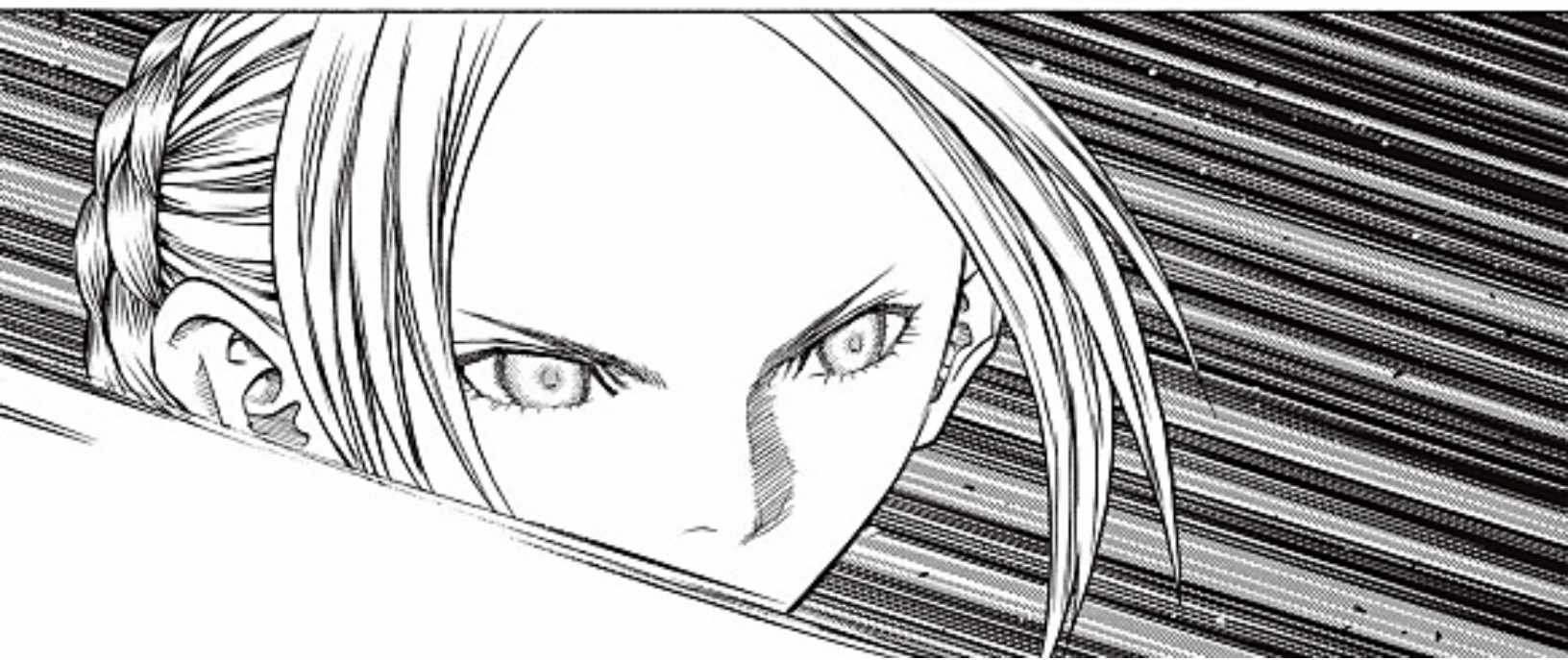
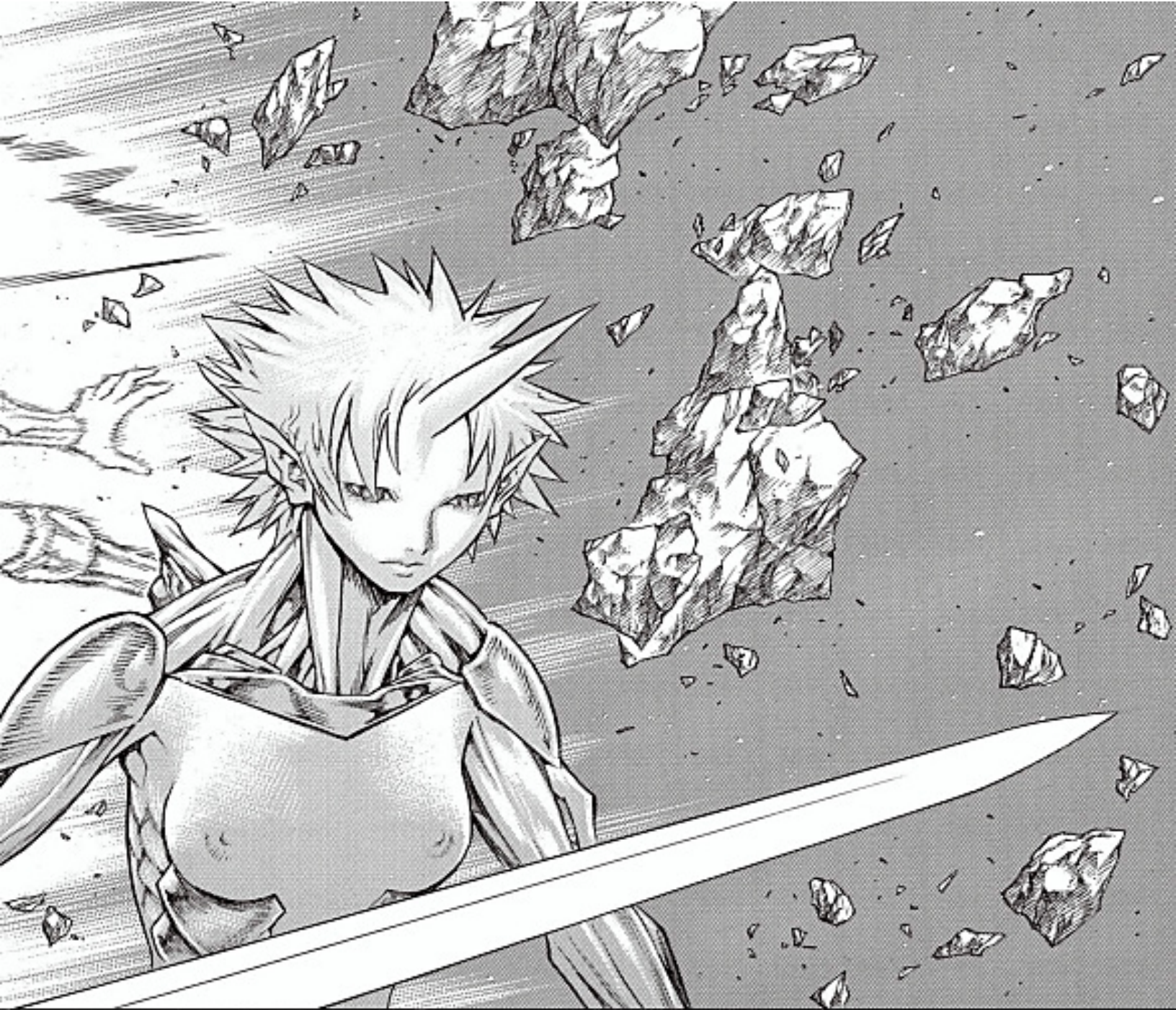
WAS SHE
UNABLE TO
IMMEDIATELY
DETECT AN
ATTACK WITH
NO YOMA
ENERGY...



...WHO
HASN'T
RELEASED
HER
YOMA
POWER
IN SEVEN
YEARS,
SO HER
YOMA
ENERGY
REMAINS
HIDDEN.

TABITHA
IS THE
ONLY
WARRIOR
AMONG
US...







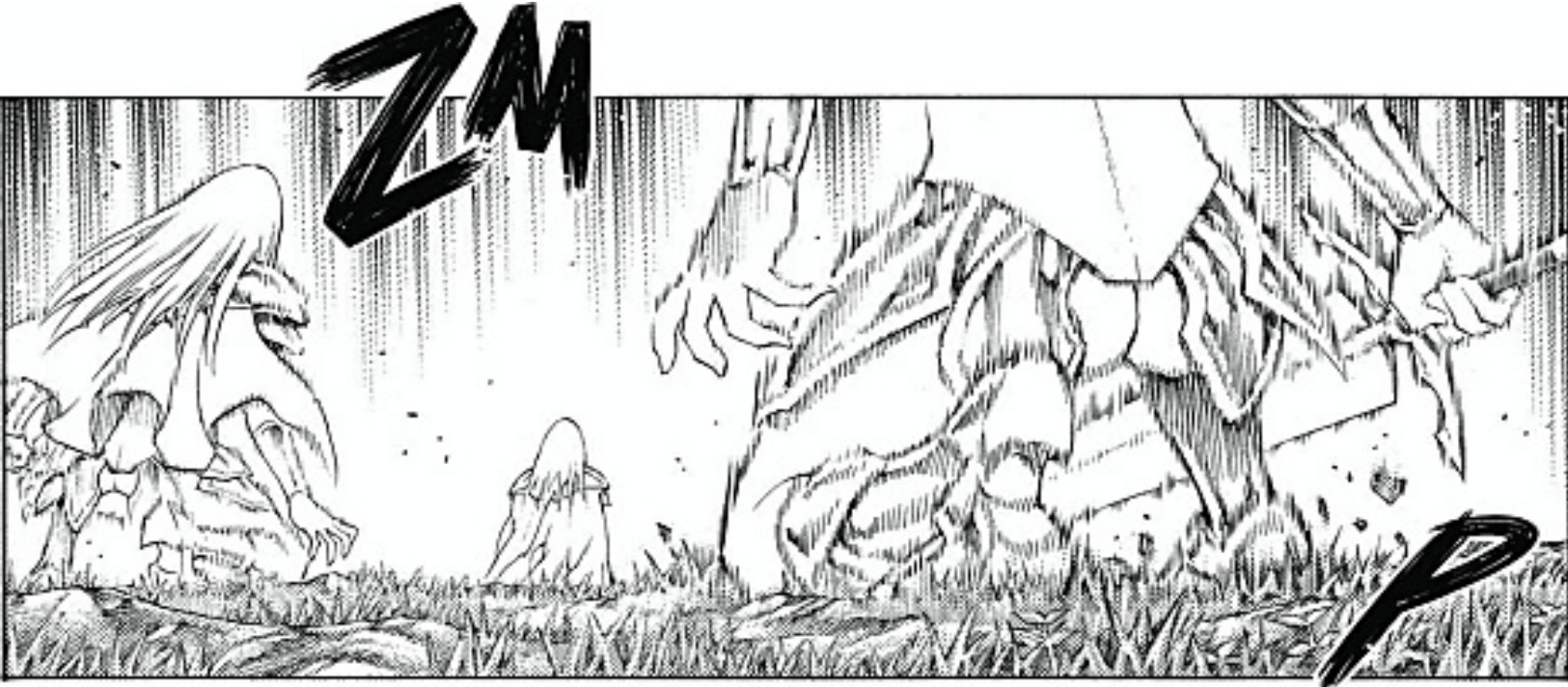


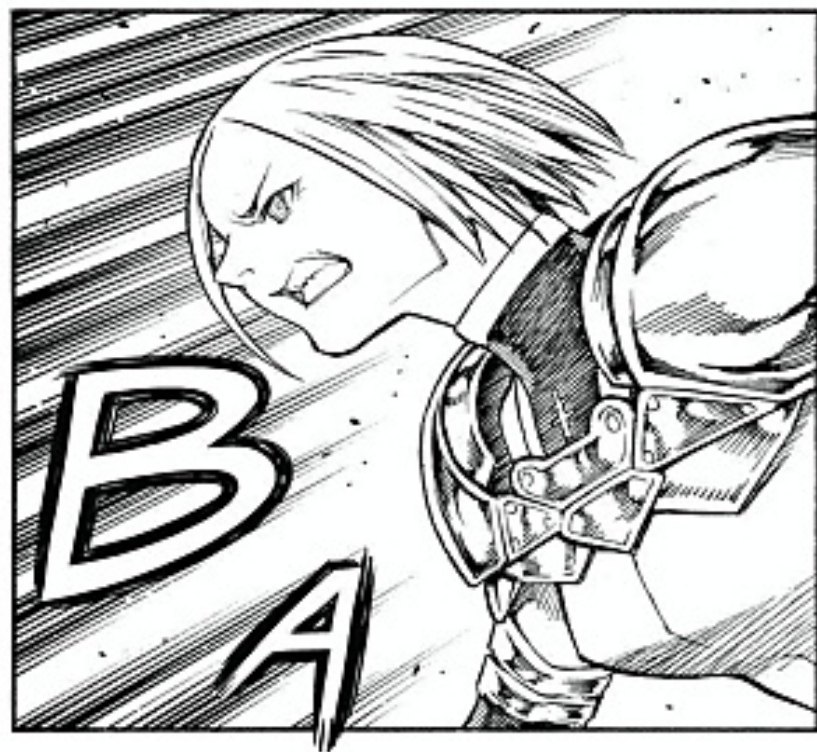


...OF
THE ONLY
WARRIOR
HERE
WHOSE
YOMA
ENERGY IS
HIDDEN!

OF
COURSE,
I HAVEN'T
FAILED TO
NOTICE THE
MOVEMENTS
...







...IT'S
TIME
TO CUT
LOOSE!

NOW THE
NUISANCE
IS
GONE...



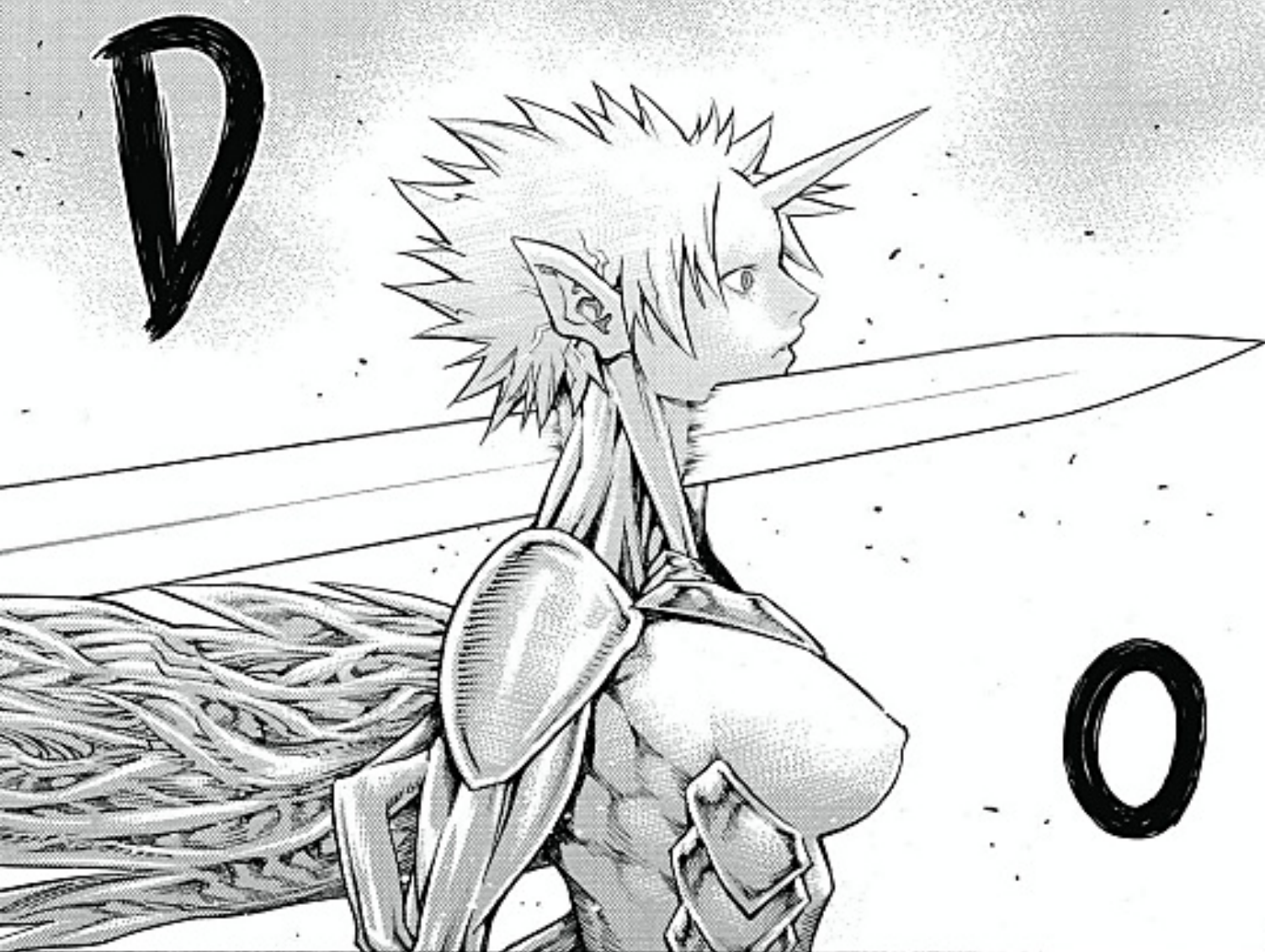
...BUT
THIS
STARTED
AS A
FIGHT
BETWEEN
WARRIORS.

I
SHOULD
HAVE
CRUSHED
HER
FIRST...









...NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
I TRAINED,
I WOULDN'T
SCRATCH YOU,
BUT YOU
WOULD CUT
ME DOWN...

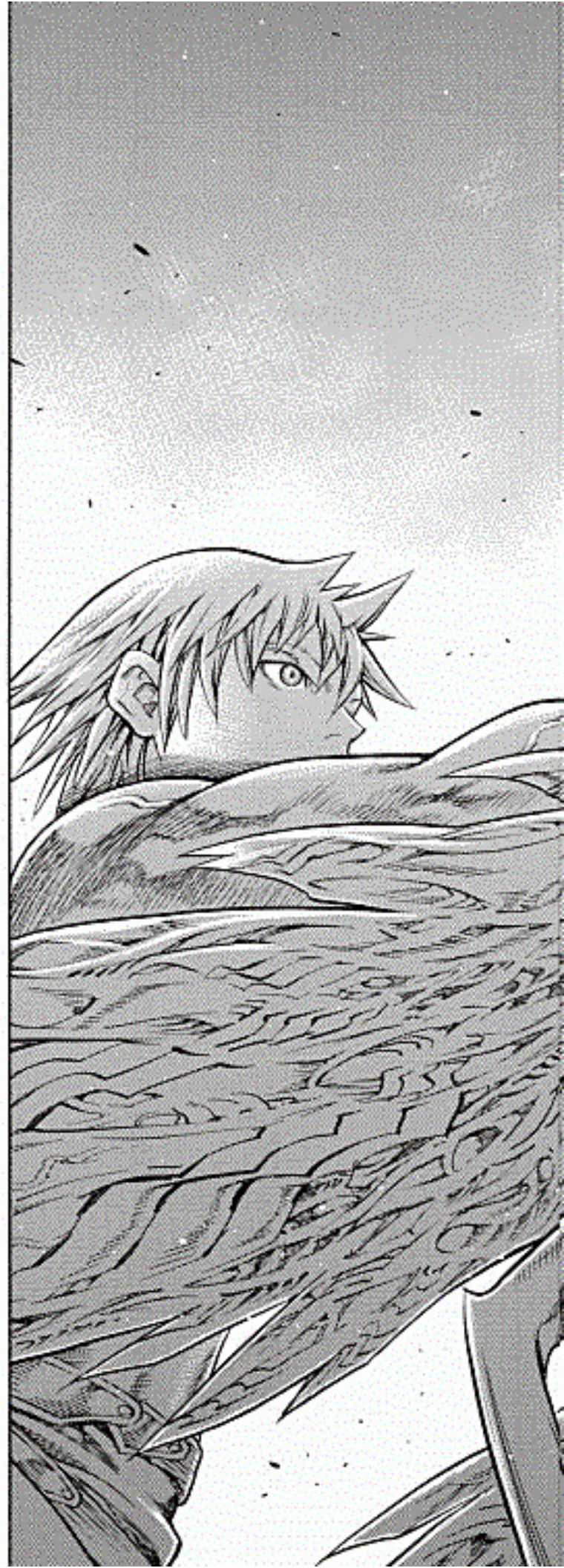
ISLEY
SAID...

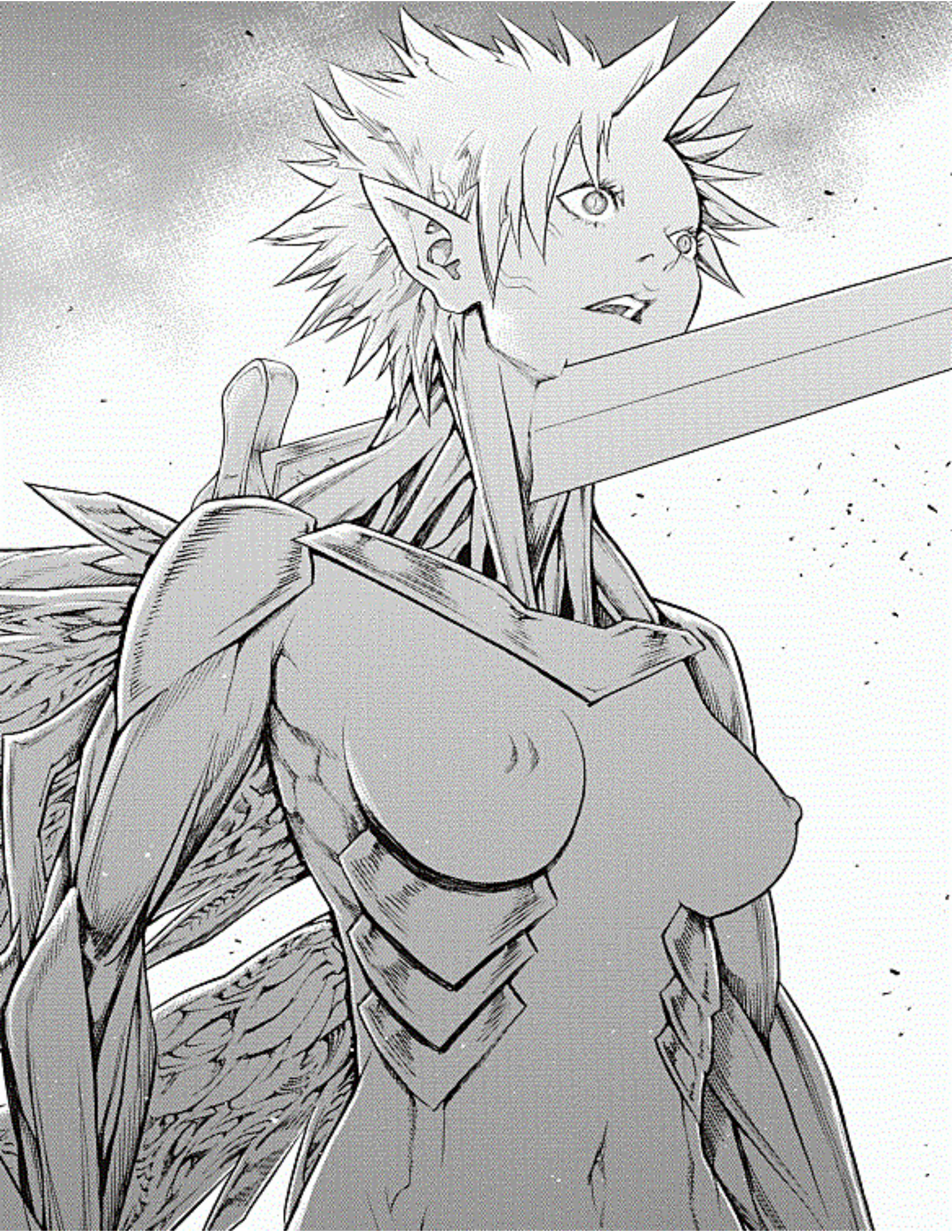


A close-up, black and white manga-style illustration of a young man's face. He has spiky, light-colored hair and intense, light-colored eyes. He is looking slightly to the right with a determined, almost menacing expression, showing his teeth in a slight grin. A large speech bubble is positioned above his head, and another smaller one is below his chin.

...AND
IN THAT
MOMENT,
I WOULD
DISAPPEAR
FROM YOUR
CONSCIOUS-
NESS...

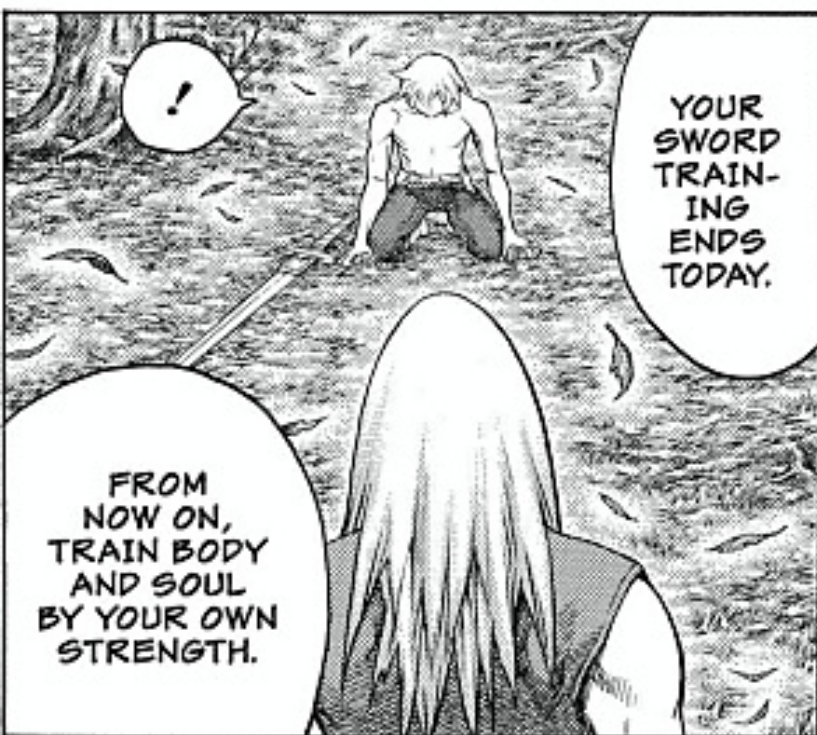
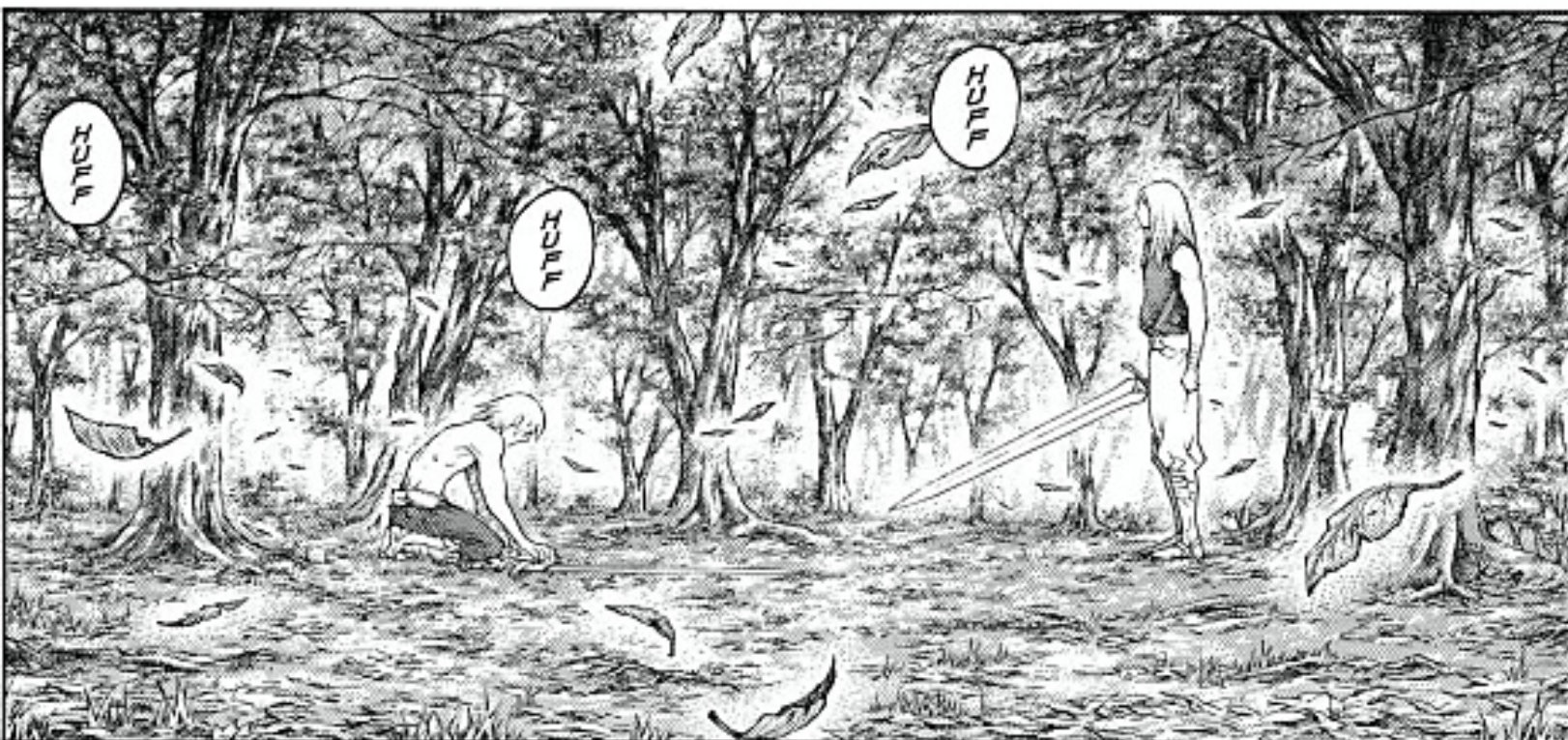
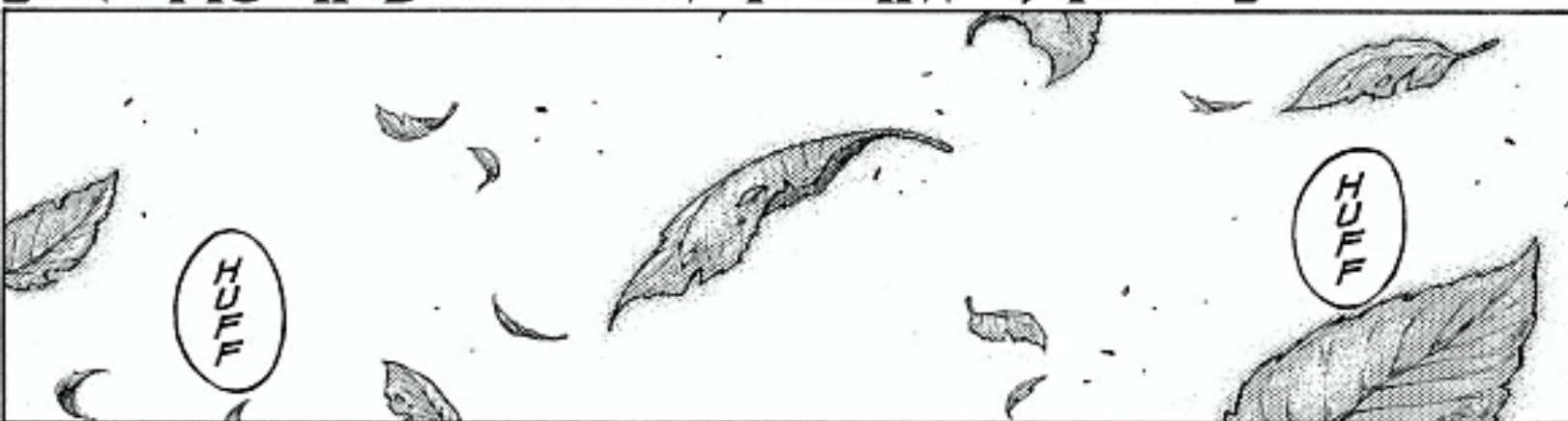
...AND
MY
REAL
FIGHT
WOULD
BEGIN!







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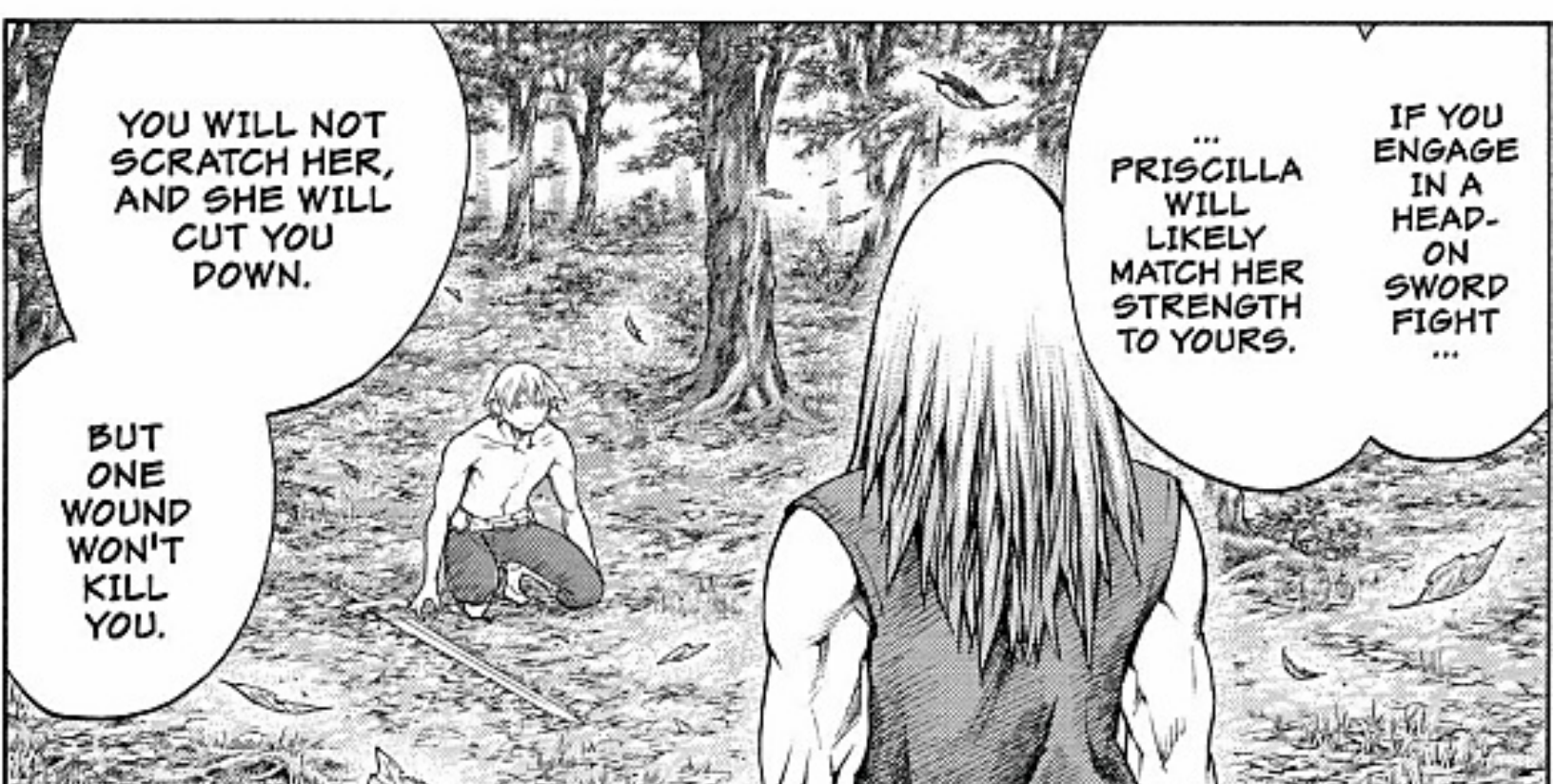
YOU HAVE DONE ALL A HUMAN CAN.

FURTHER TRAINING WILL NOT HELP.



WITH MY CURRENT SKILLS, I'LL NEVER BEAT PRISCILLA!

W-WAIT, ISLEY!



YOU WILL NOT SCRATCH HER, AND SHE WILL CUT YOU DOWN.

BUT ONE WOUND WON'T KILL YOU.

...
PRISCILLA WILL LIKELY MATCH HER STRENGTH TO YOURS.

IF YOU ENGAGE IN A HEAD-ON SWORD FIGHT ...



AT THAT MOMENT ...

...YOU WILL COMPLETELY DISAPPEAR FROM HER CONSCIOUSNESS.



...BUT IT IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE OTHERS.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S EMOTION OR SPORT ...

AND THAT
WILL BE
A GREAT
POWER FOR
STRIKING
PRISCILLA,
ONE THAT THE
WARRIORS
CAN NEVER
ATTAIN.

WHEN YOU ARE
LIKE A CORPSE,
OTHERS WILL
ALSO FAIL TO
NOTICE YOUR
EXISTENCE IN
THE BATTLE.

YOU
MUST BE
STRONG
ENOUGH TO
TAKE AN
APPARENTLY
FATAL BLOW...

FROM
NOW ON,
FOCUS ON
BUILDING
PHYSICAL
STRENGTH.

...AND THEN
MOVE AGAIN
TO STRIKE
PRISCILLA
FROM HER
BLIND SPOT.

DO NOT
FORGET.

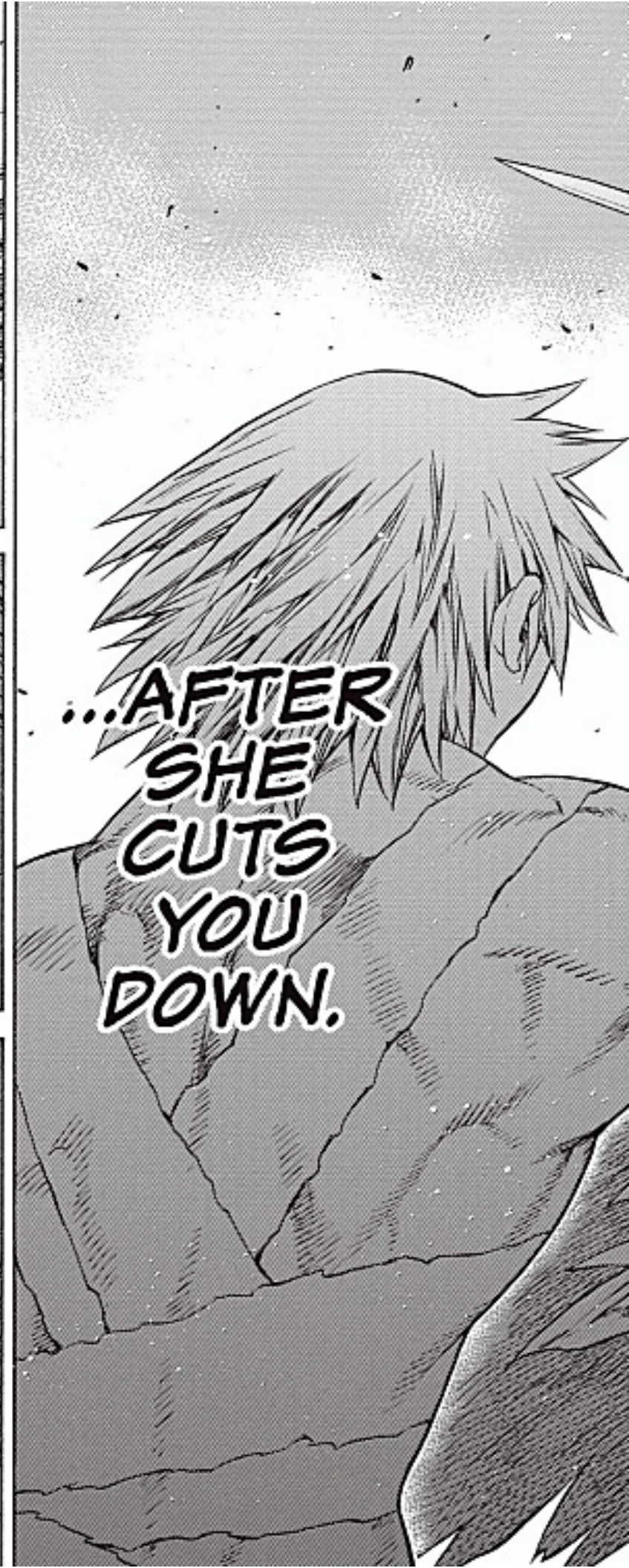
...WILL
YOU
POSSESS
THE
BLADE
TO CUT
HER.

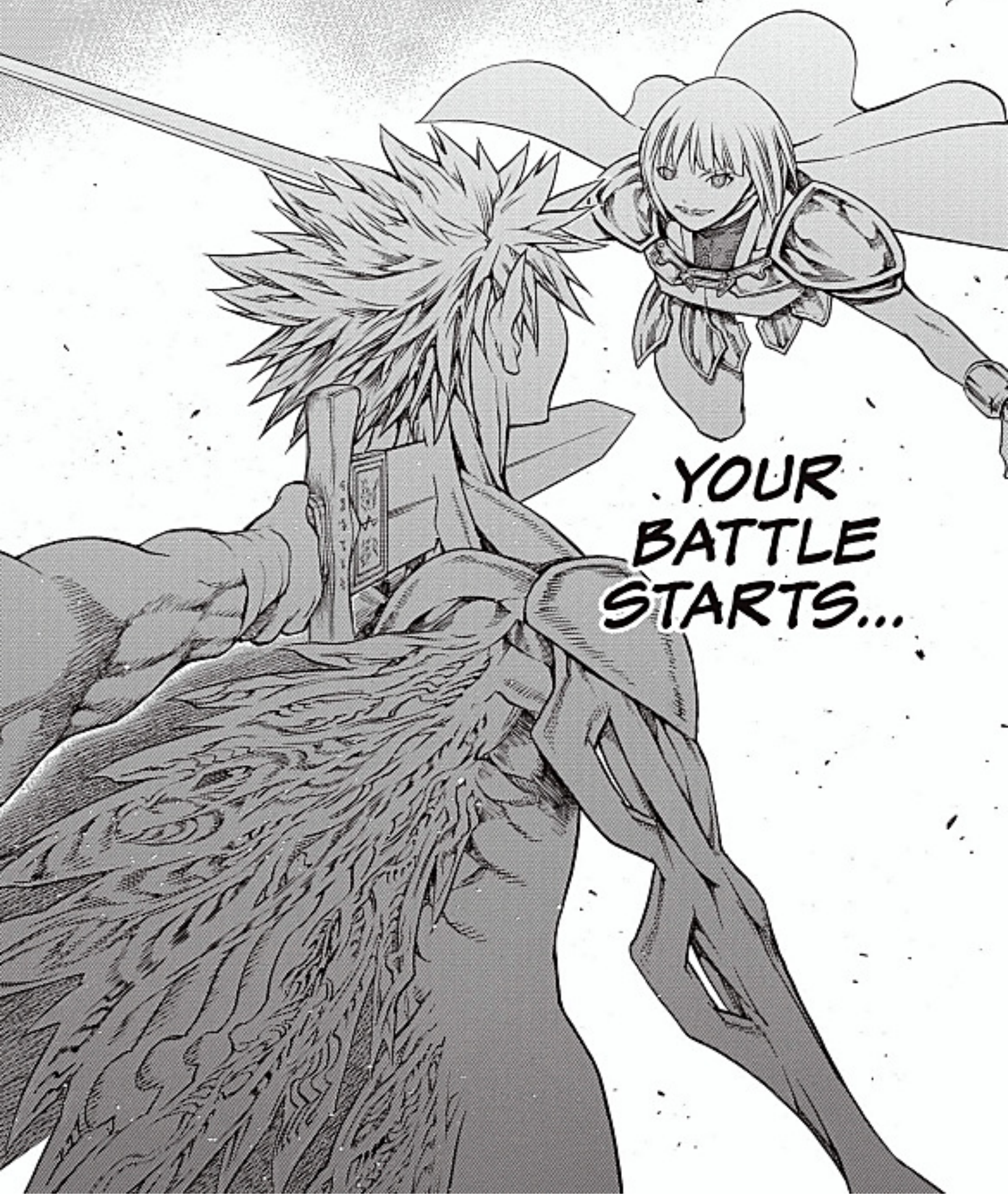
ONLY
WHEN
PRISCILLA
FIRST
CUTS
YOU...

GAIN
MUSCLE
AS ARMOR,
BUT
WITHOUT
LOSS OF
AGILITY.

RIGHT
NOW
YOU'RE
TOO
SKINNY.

YOUR
TECH-
NIQUE
WITH A
SWORD
IS FINE.

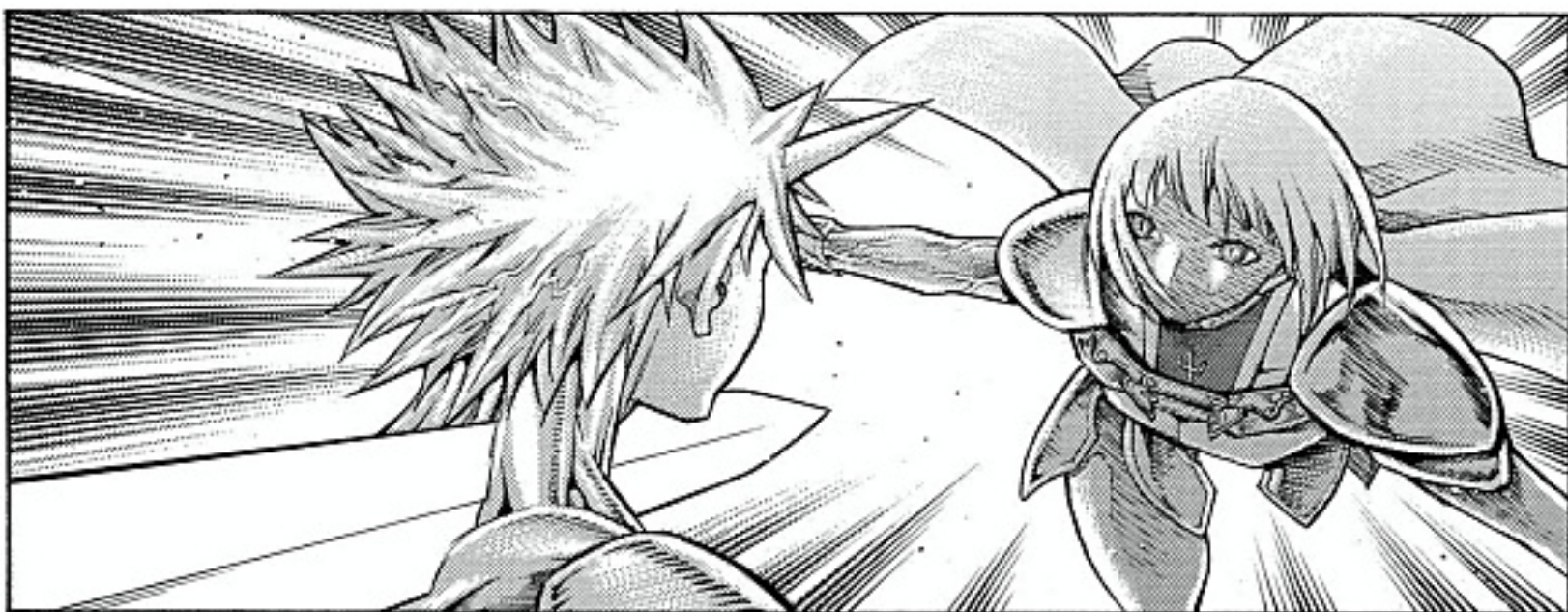




**YOUR
BATTLE
STARTS...**

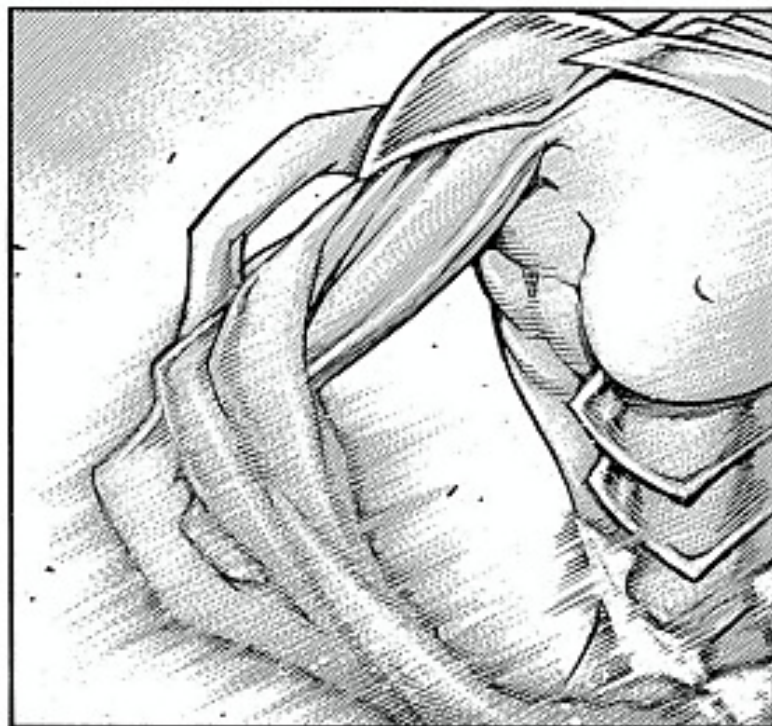
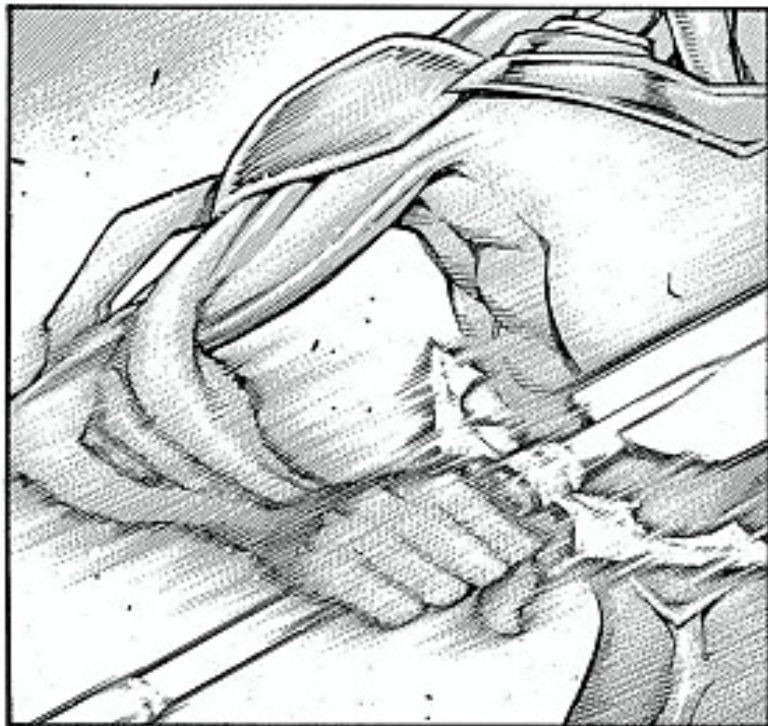


IT WAS
INDEED
A MERE
MOMENT.



...THE WAY
ONLY WARRIORS,
AWAKENED BEINGS
AND
ABYSSAL ONES
CAN MANAGE.

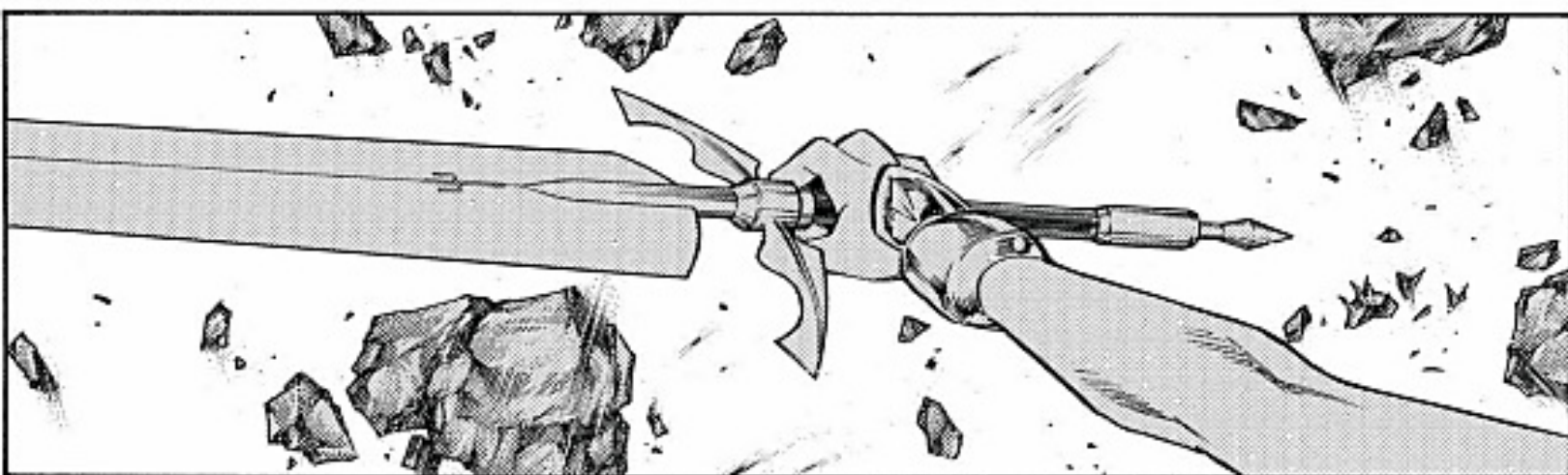
BUT IT
LASTED
AN
ETERNITY...

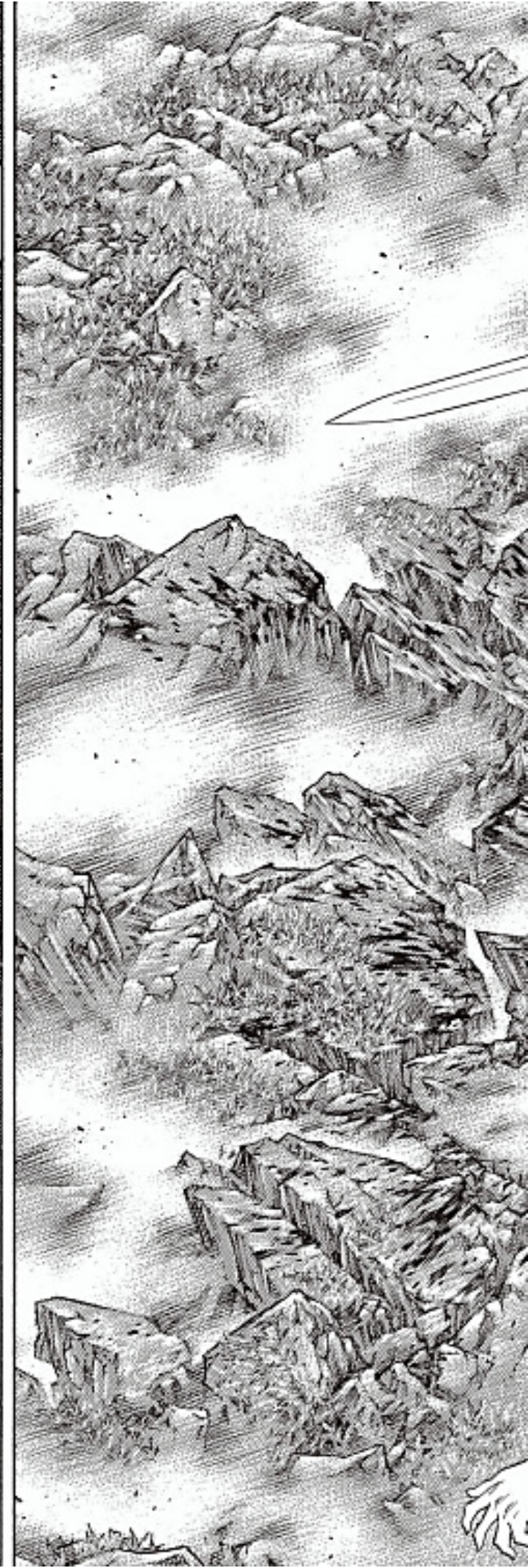


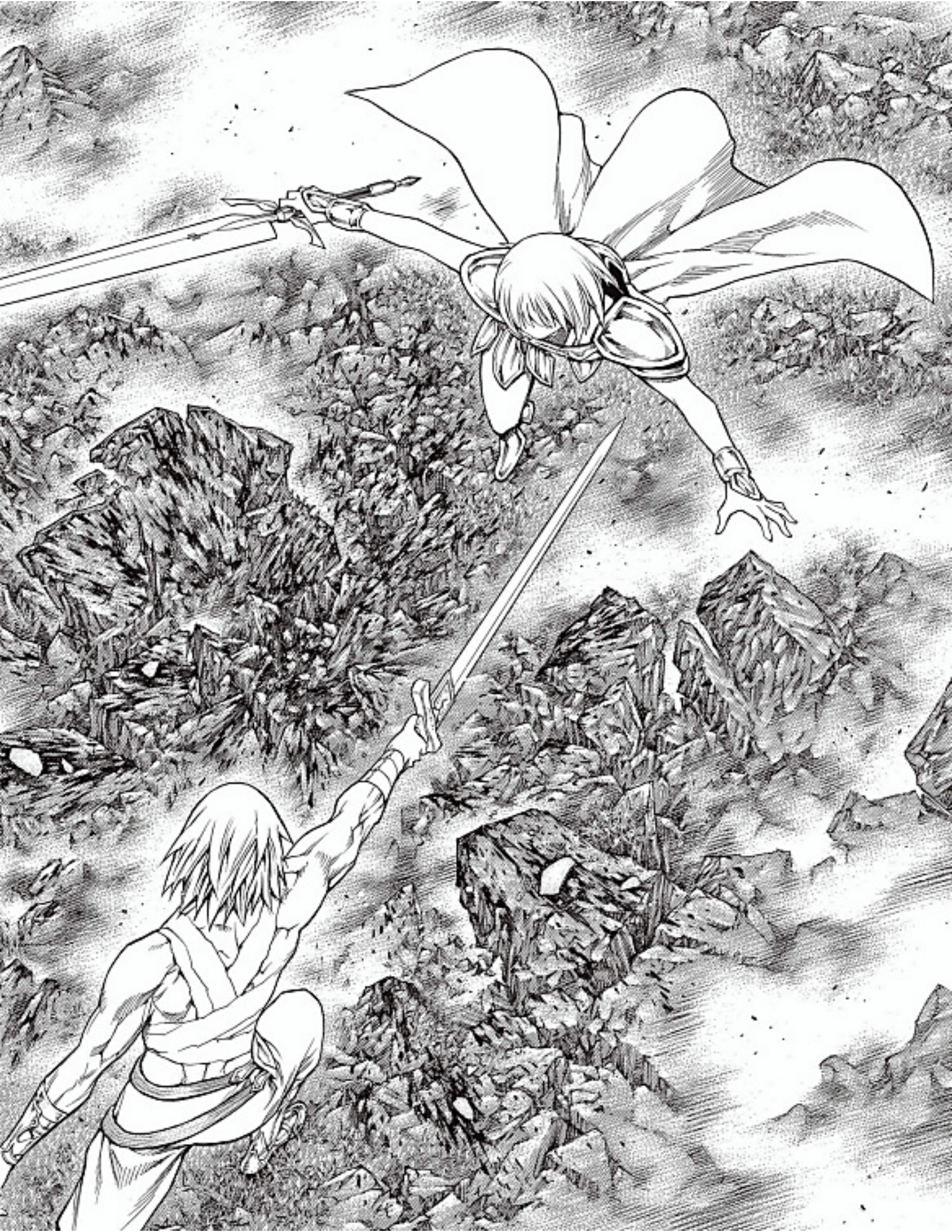




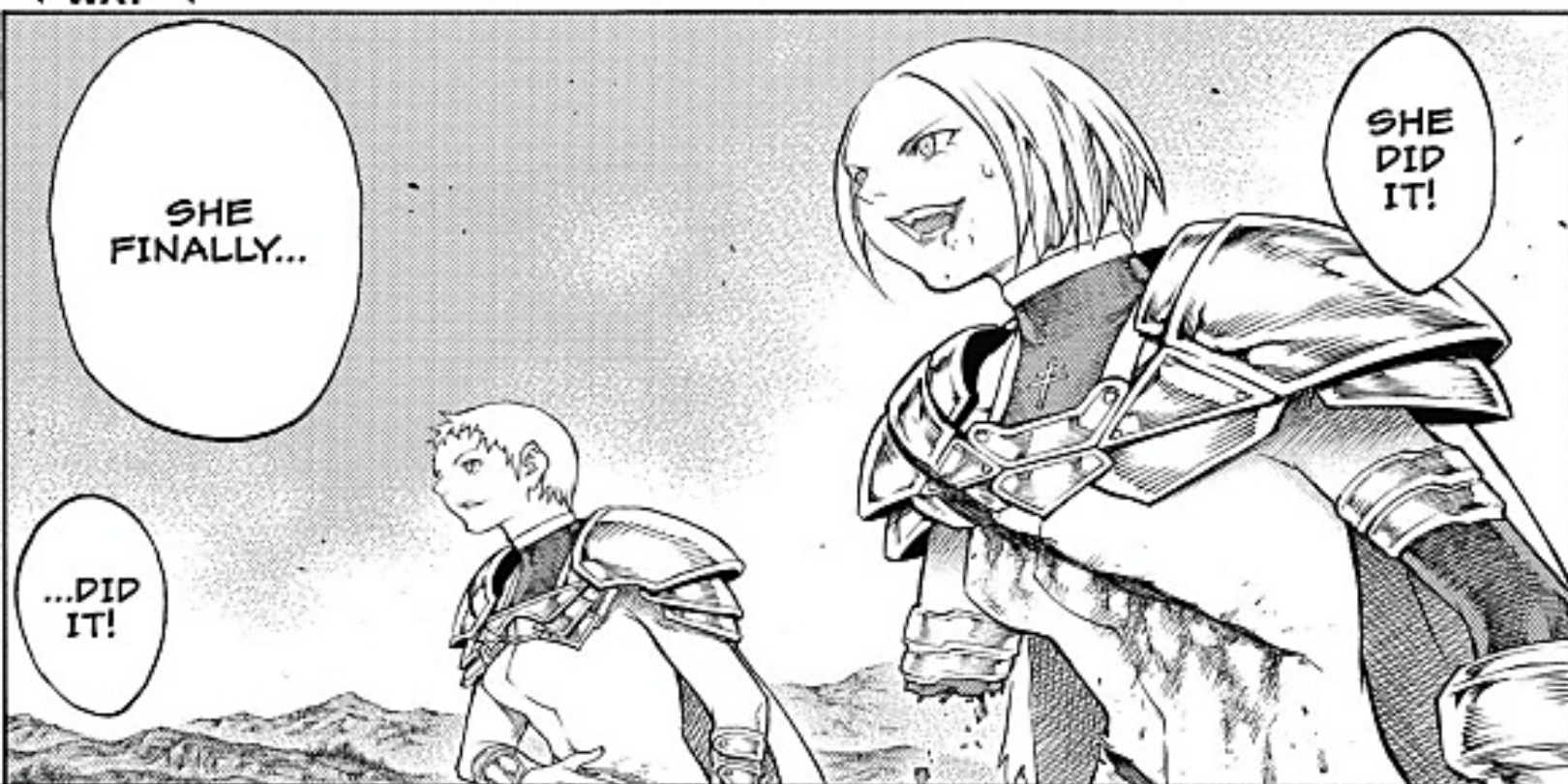












SHE
FINALLY...

SHE
DID
IT!

...DID
IT!



...OF A
BOTTOM
RANKER!

THAT'S
ONE
HELL...



...THAT WAS
ISLEY'S
FINAL,
STRONGEST
BLOW.

YOU
MIGHT
SAY...



MEN!

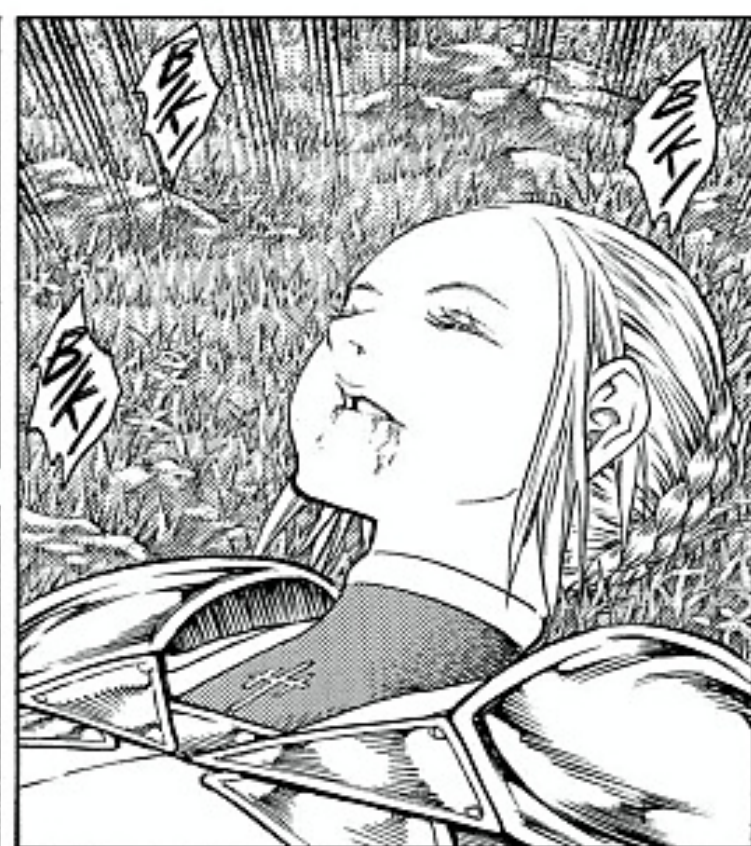
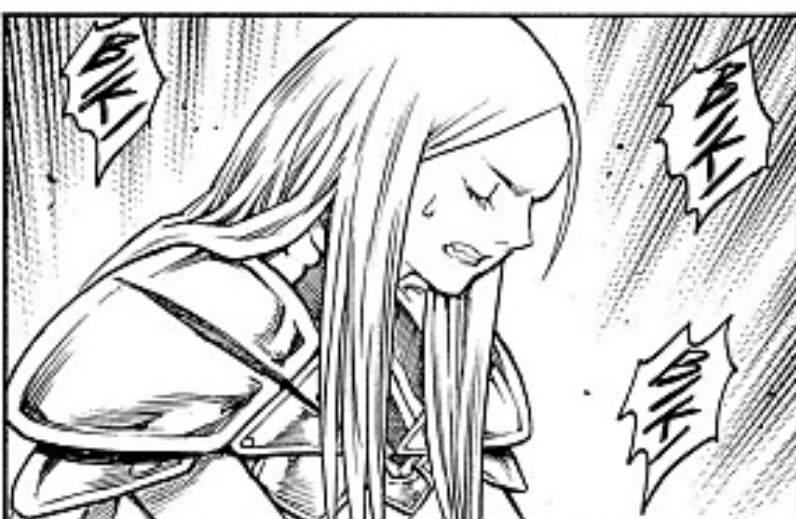
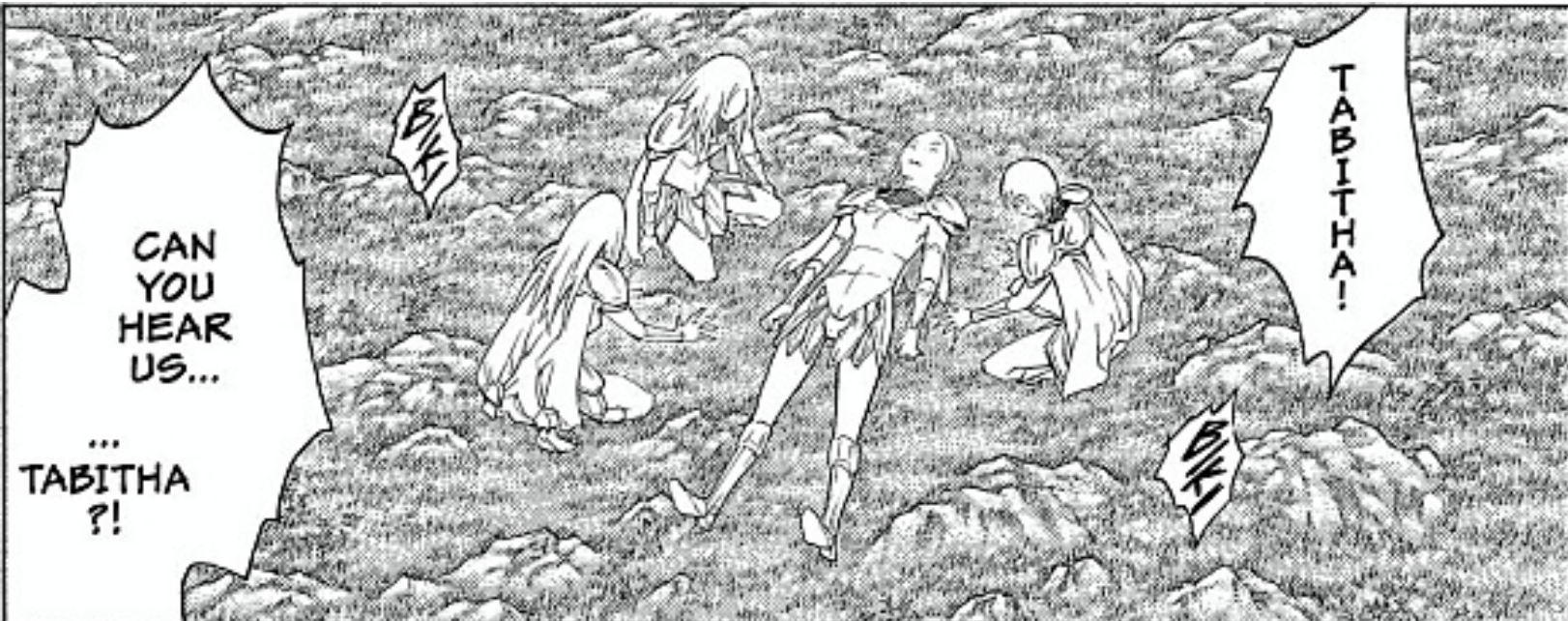
STILL
ROMANTIC
EVEN
AFTER
AWAKEN-
ING...

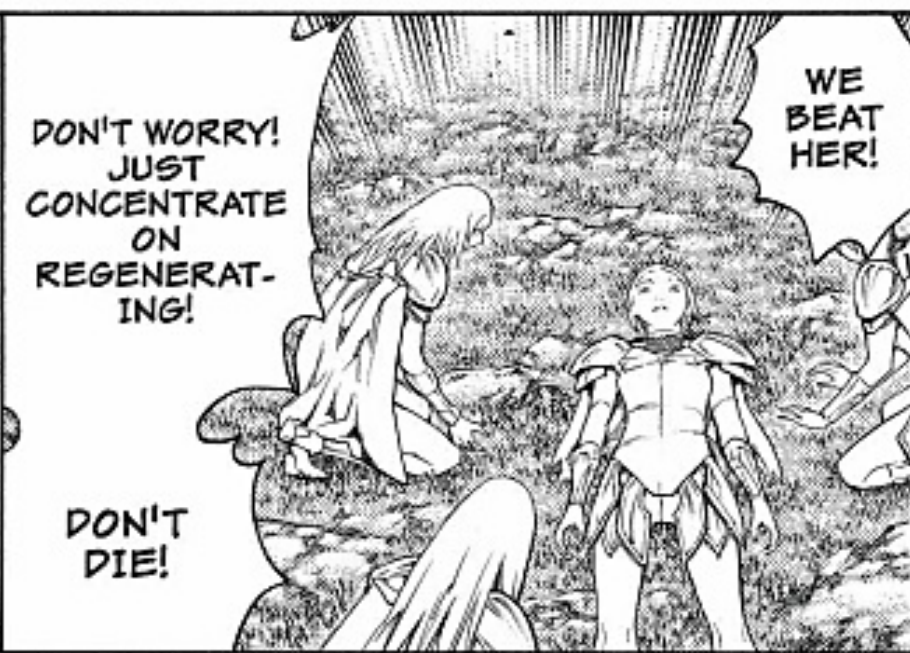
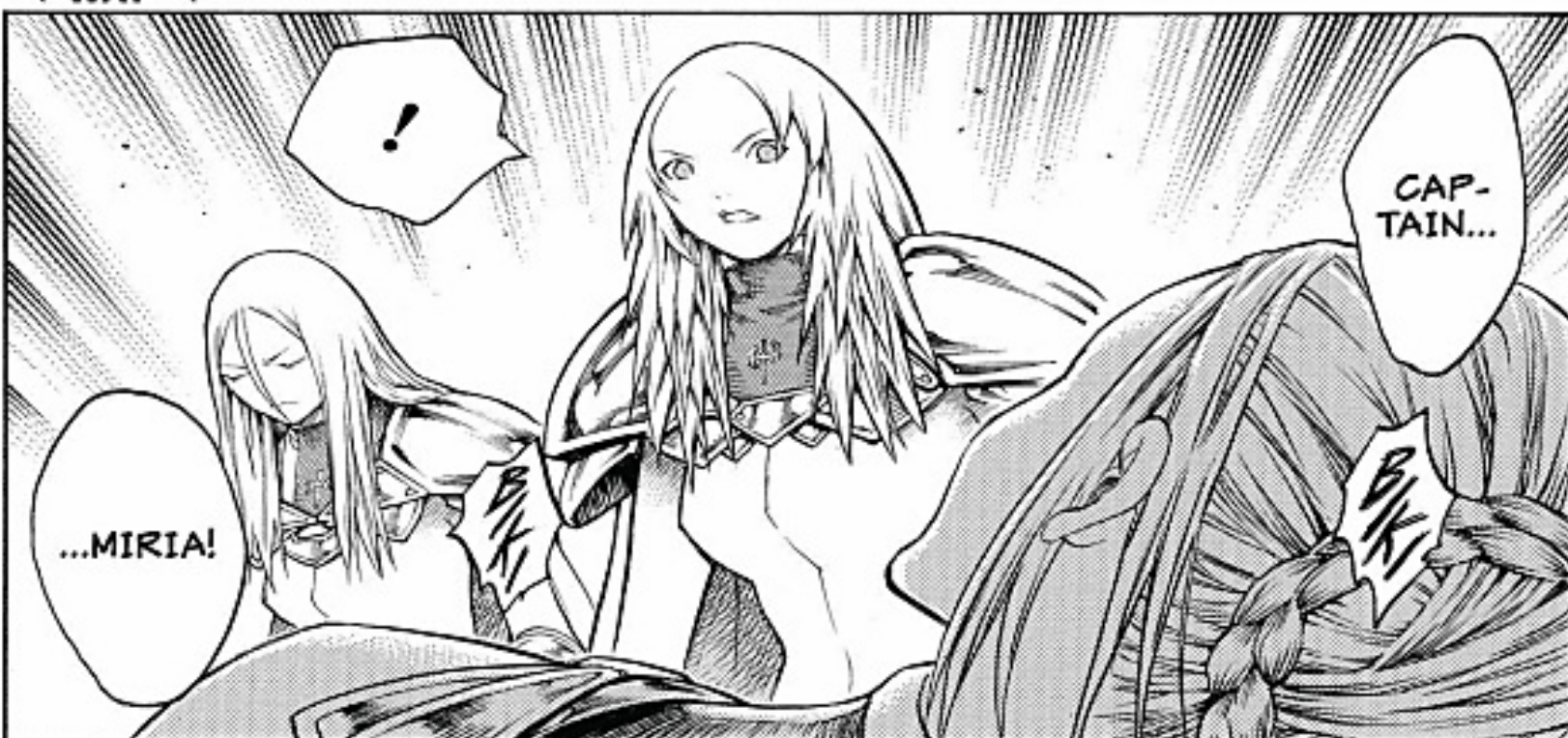


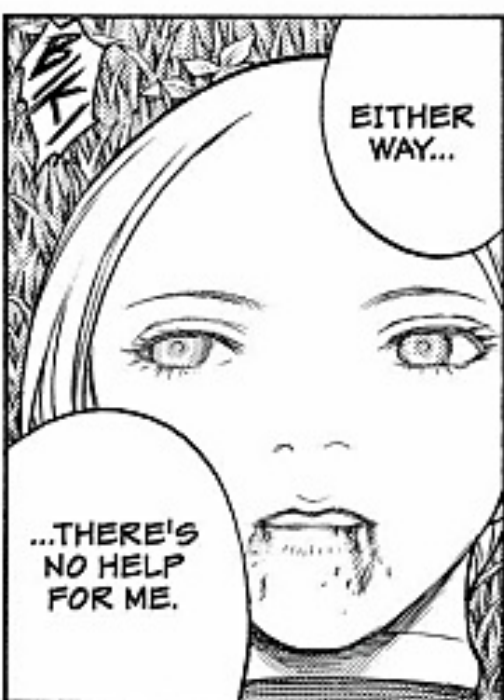
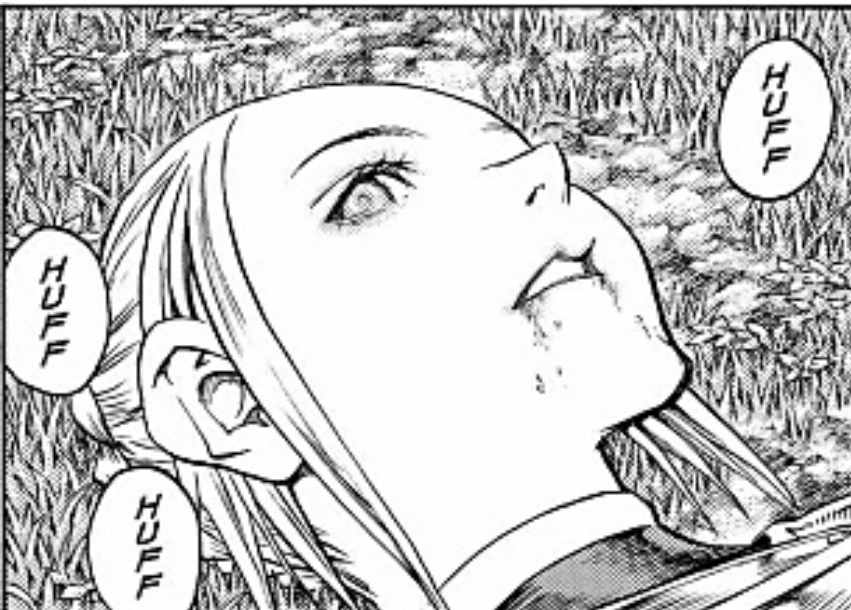
THAT
KID...

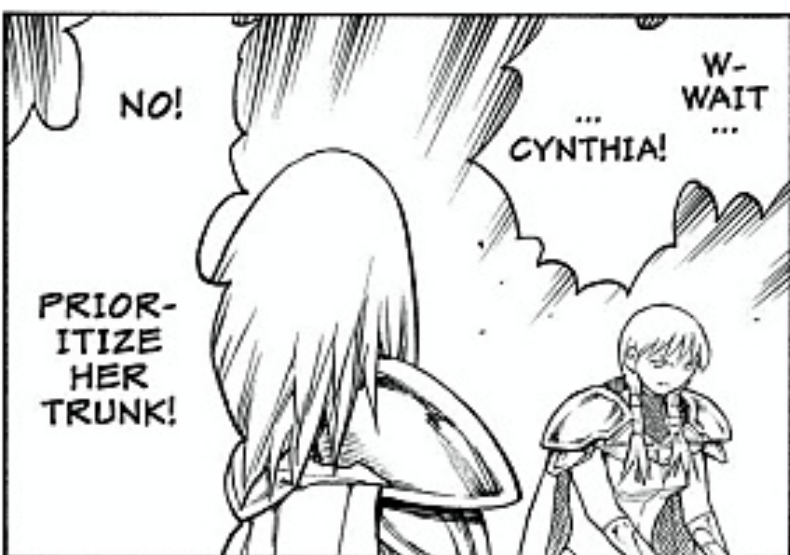
HEH!

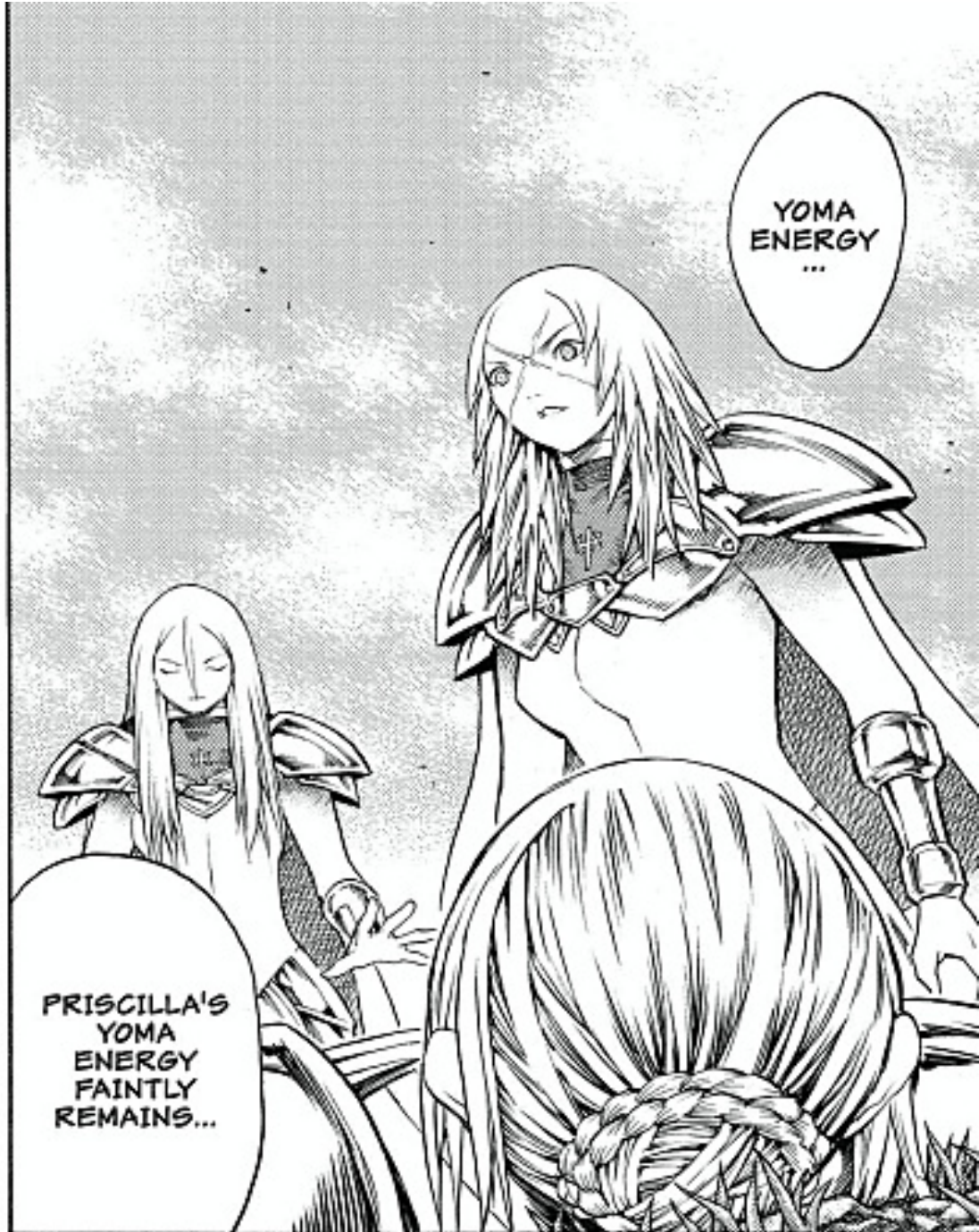
...KNOWS
HOW
TO HIT
HARD!



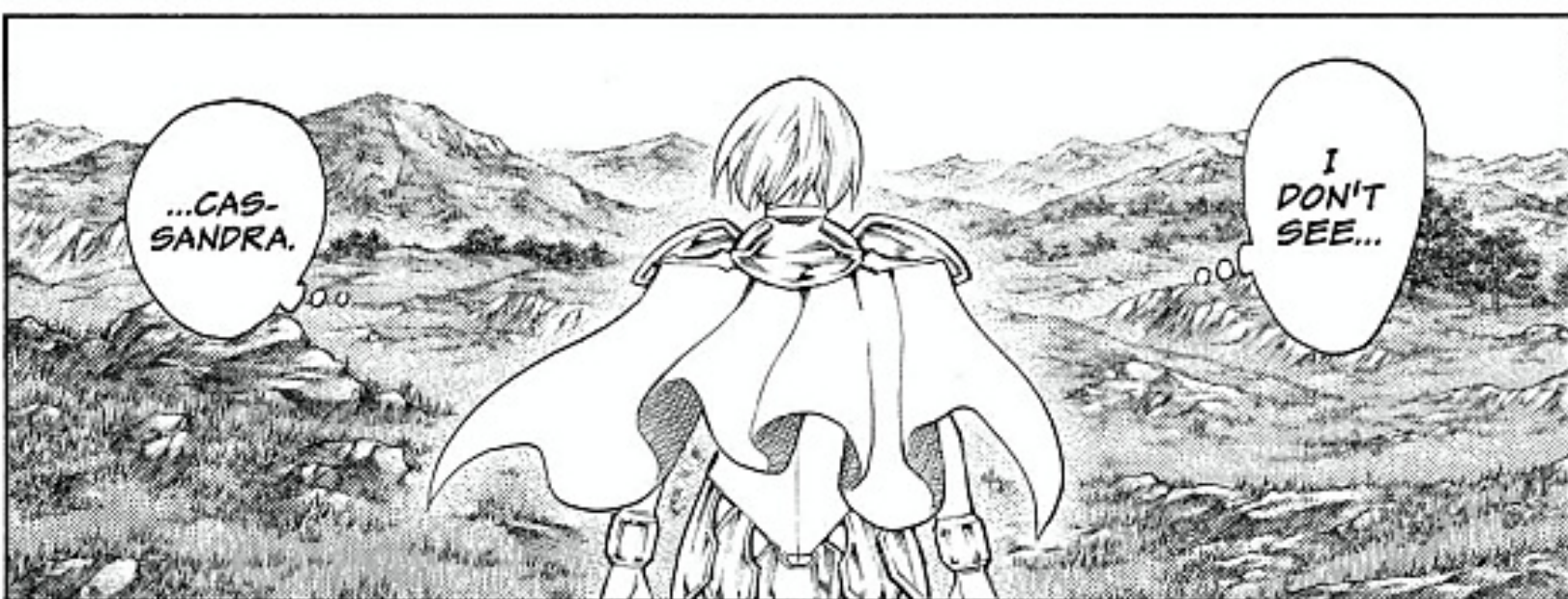
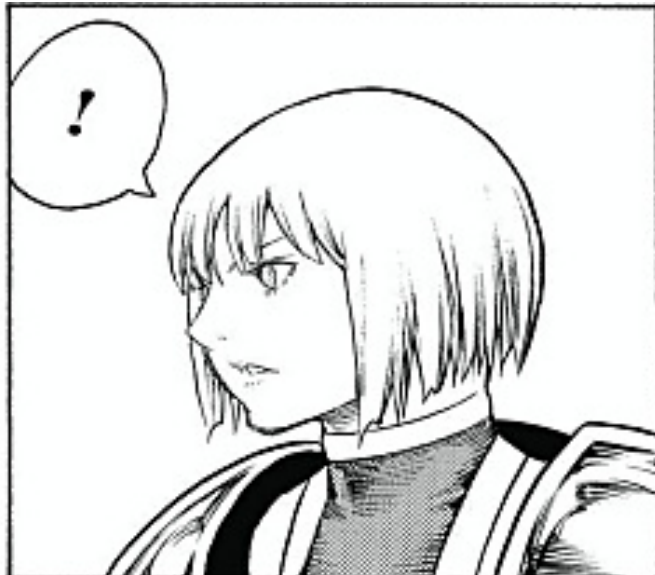




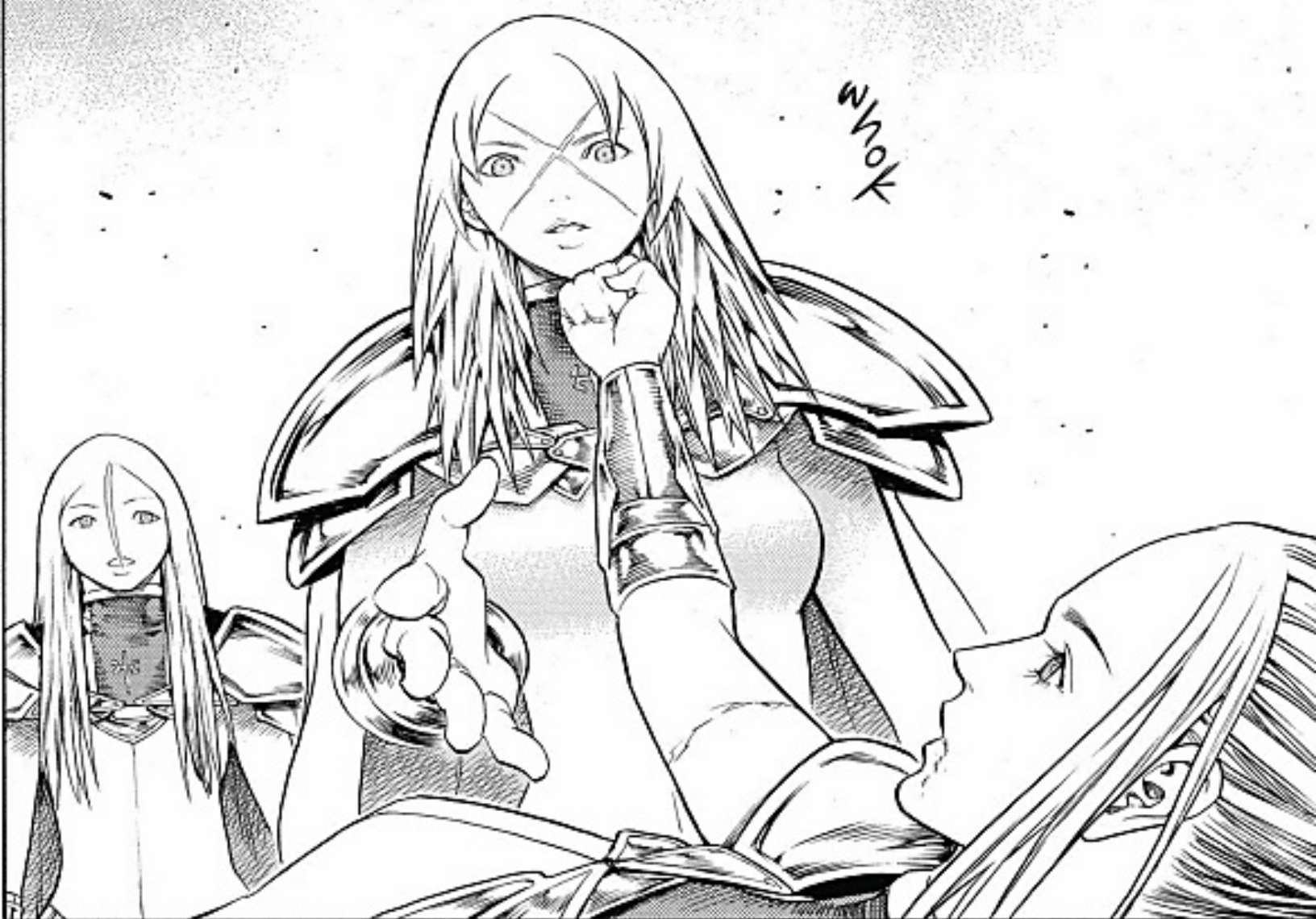












...WHEN I
FOLLOWED
YOU TO
FIGHT THE
ORGANI-
ZATION...

I
PROMISED
DENEVE...

...THAT I
WOULD
BEAT
YOU UP.

?



...THAT
YOU
DIDN'T
TAKE ME
WITH
YOU.

IT
FRUS-
TRATED
ME...



!



...I
COULD
SERVE YOU
IN THE
FIGHTING
UP NORTH
SEVEN
YEARS
AGO.

I'M
TRULY
HAPPY
...

BESIDES
THAT,
I HAVE NO
COMPLAINTS
ABOUT YOUR
STRATEGY.

BUT
NOW I
FEEL
BETTER.



SO DON'T
CRITICIZE
YOURSELF
OVER ME.

BUT I
LOVED
THAT
ABOUT
YOU.



...YOUR
BLADE.

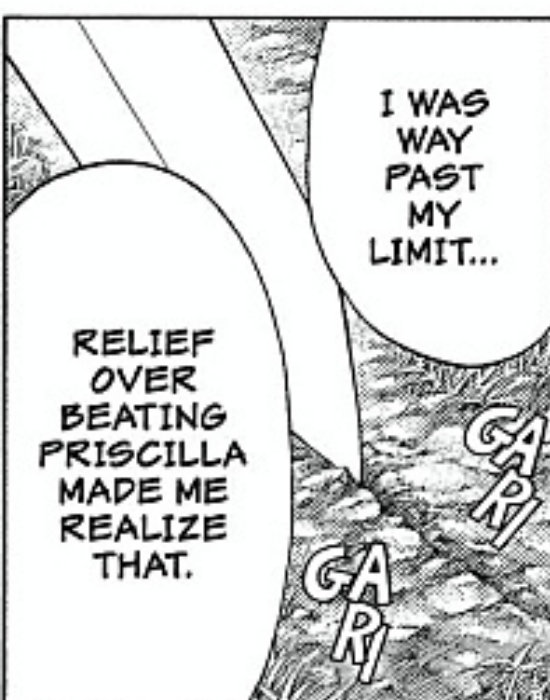
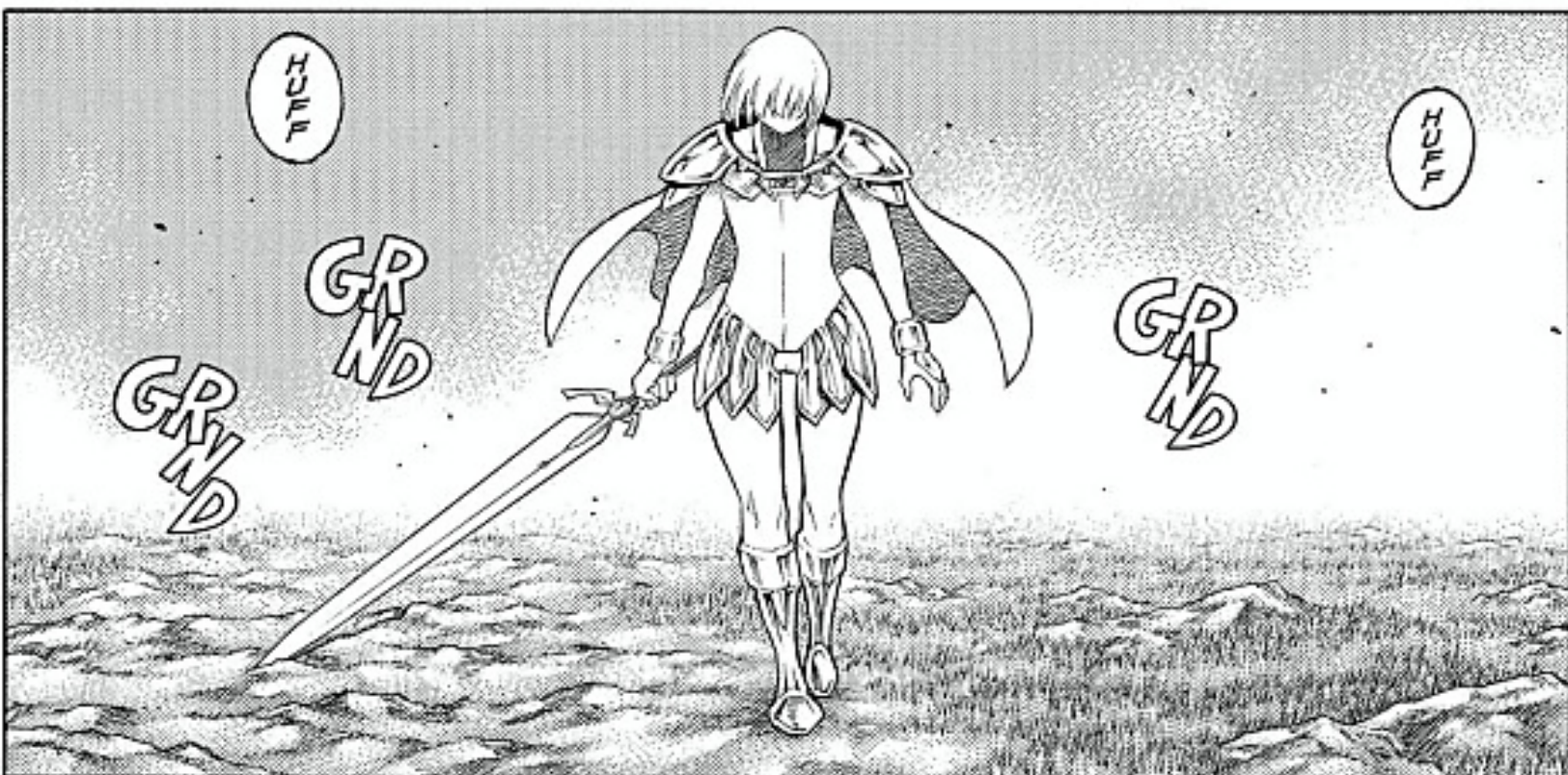
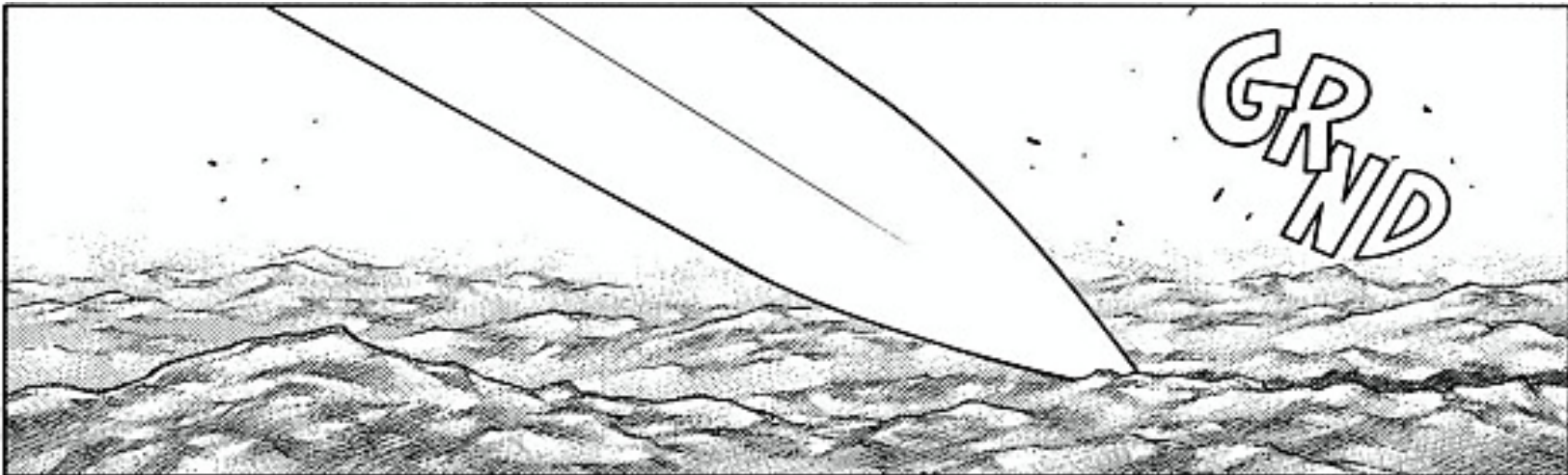
I'M
PROUD
TO HAVE
BEEN...

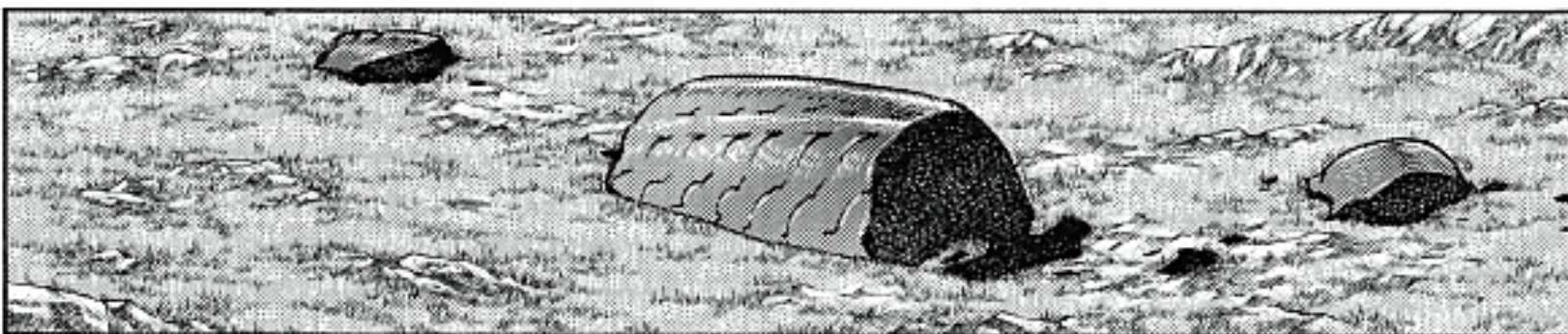
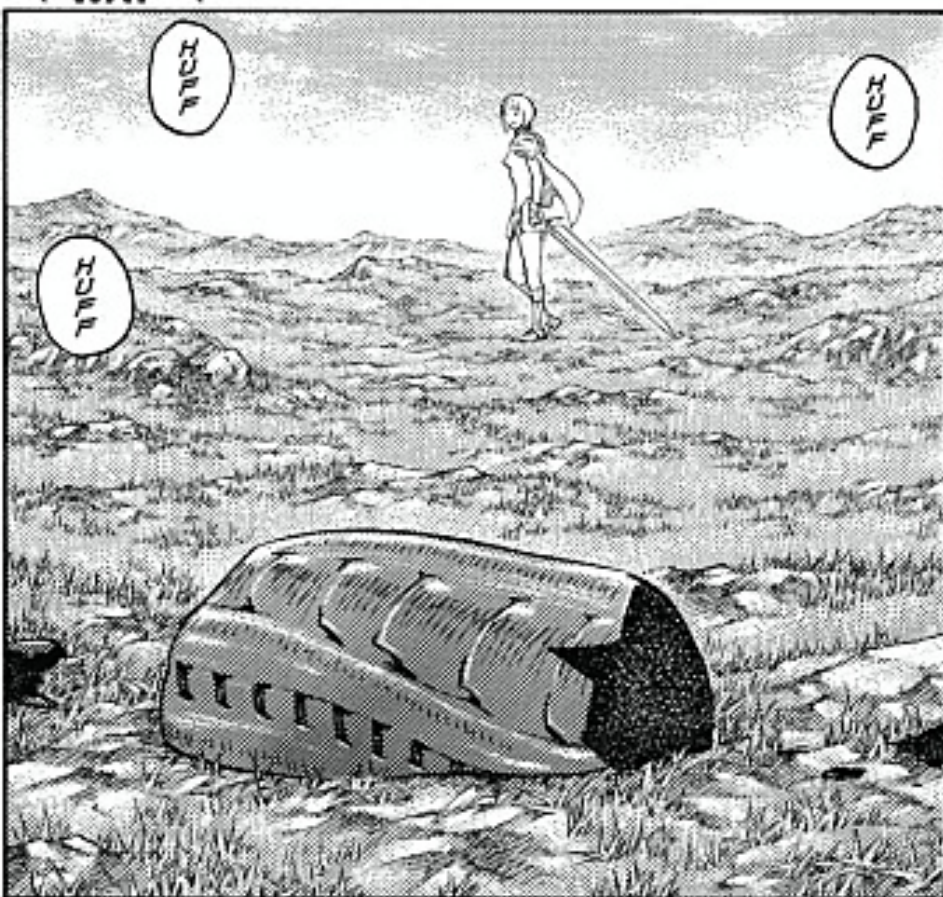


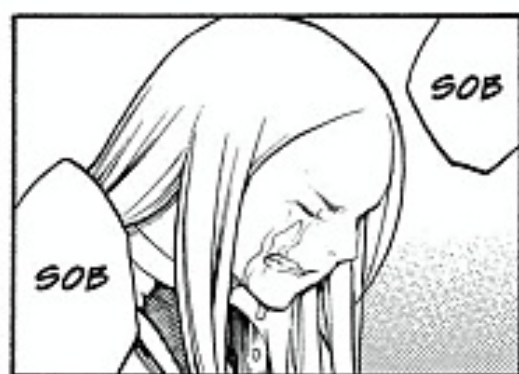
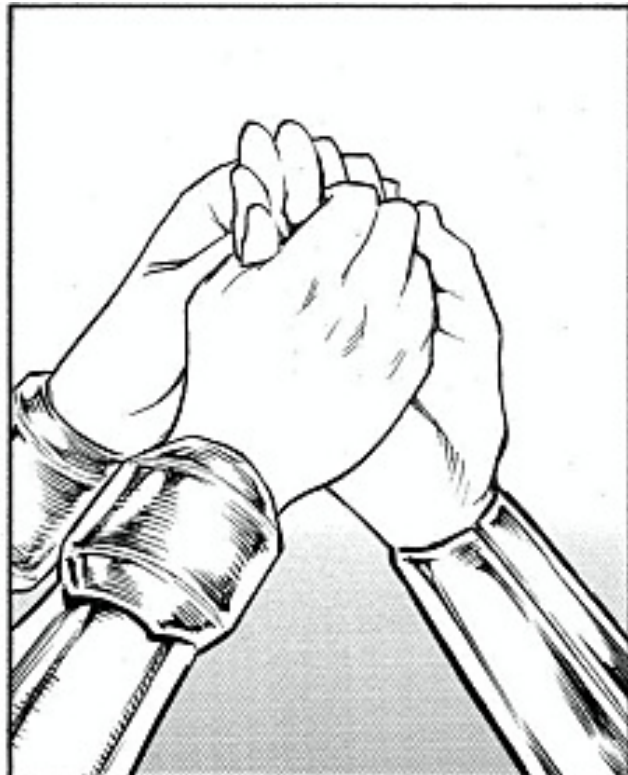
IF
SUPERIOR
OFFICERS
NEED TO BE
UNFEELING
SOMETIMES
...

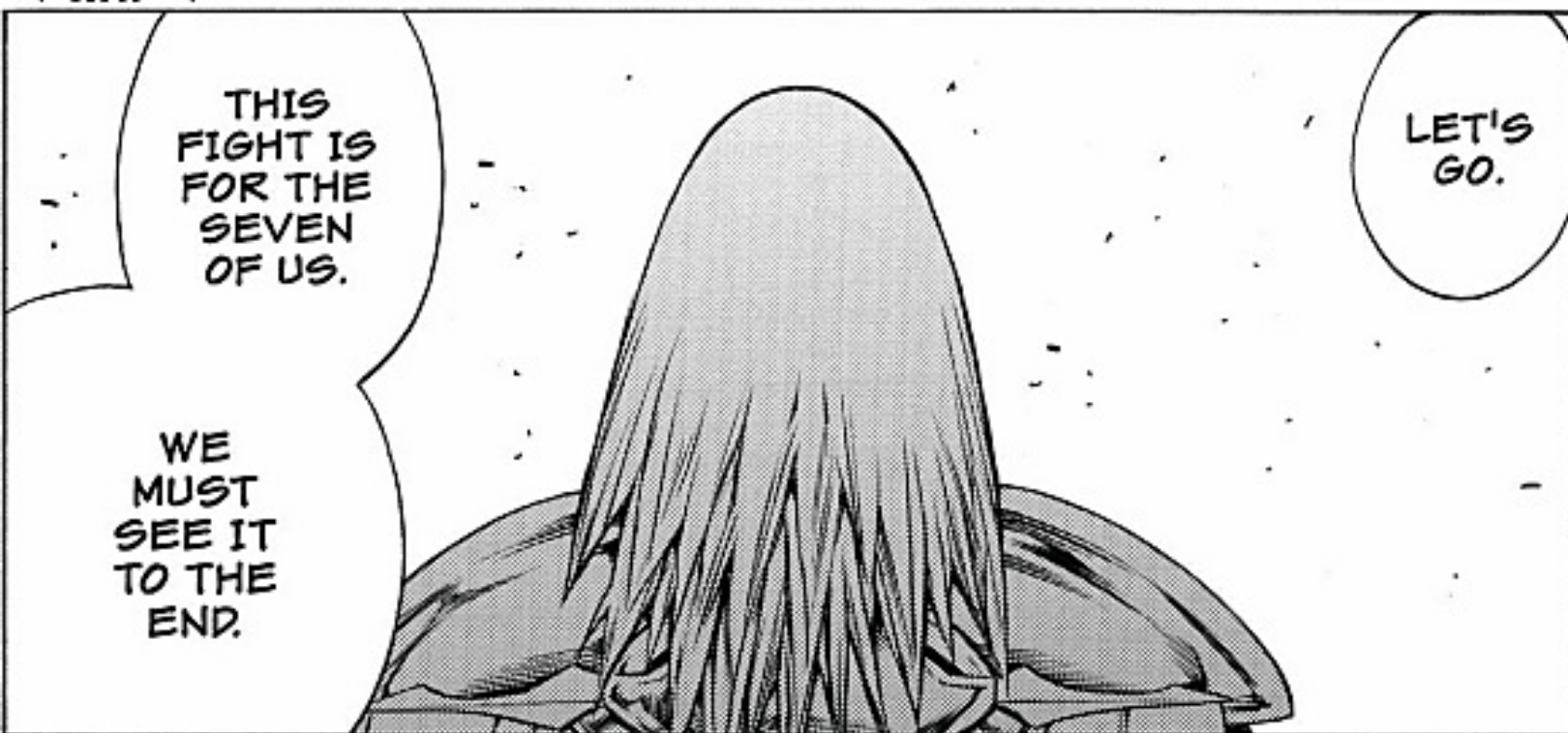
YOU
ARE
KIND.

...YOU
AREN'T
CUT OUT
FOR IT.











B/K!

MUST
EAT...

...IN-
NARDS!

B/K!

B/K!



HUNGRY...

HUNGRY...



HUNGRY...

HUNGRY...

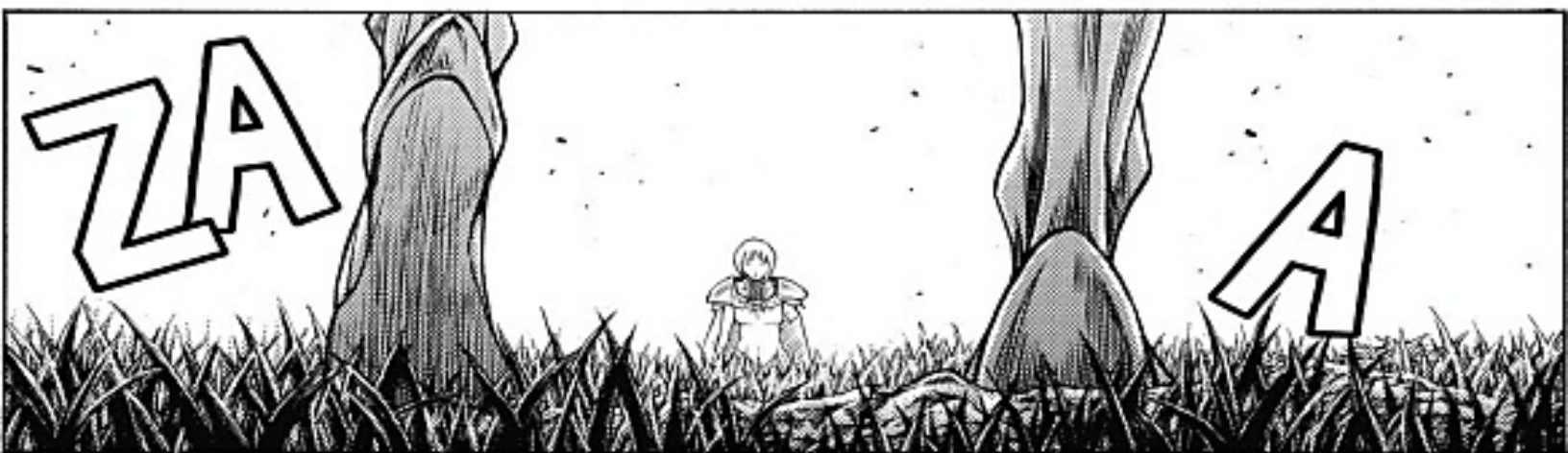
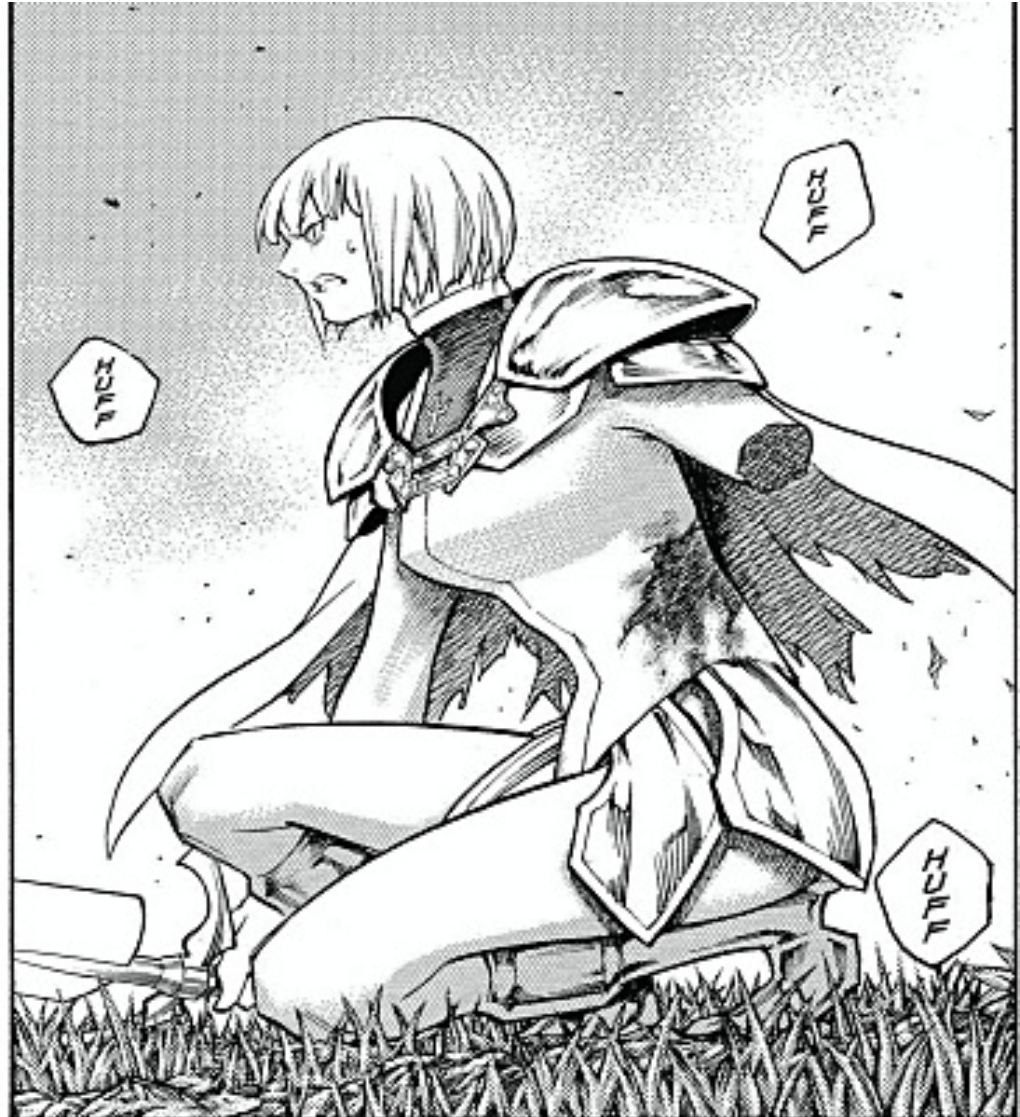
HUNGRY...

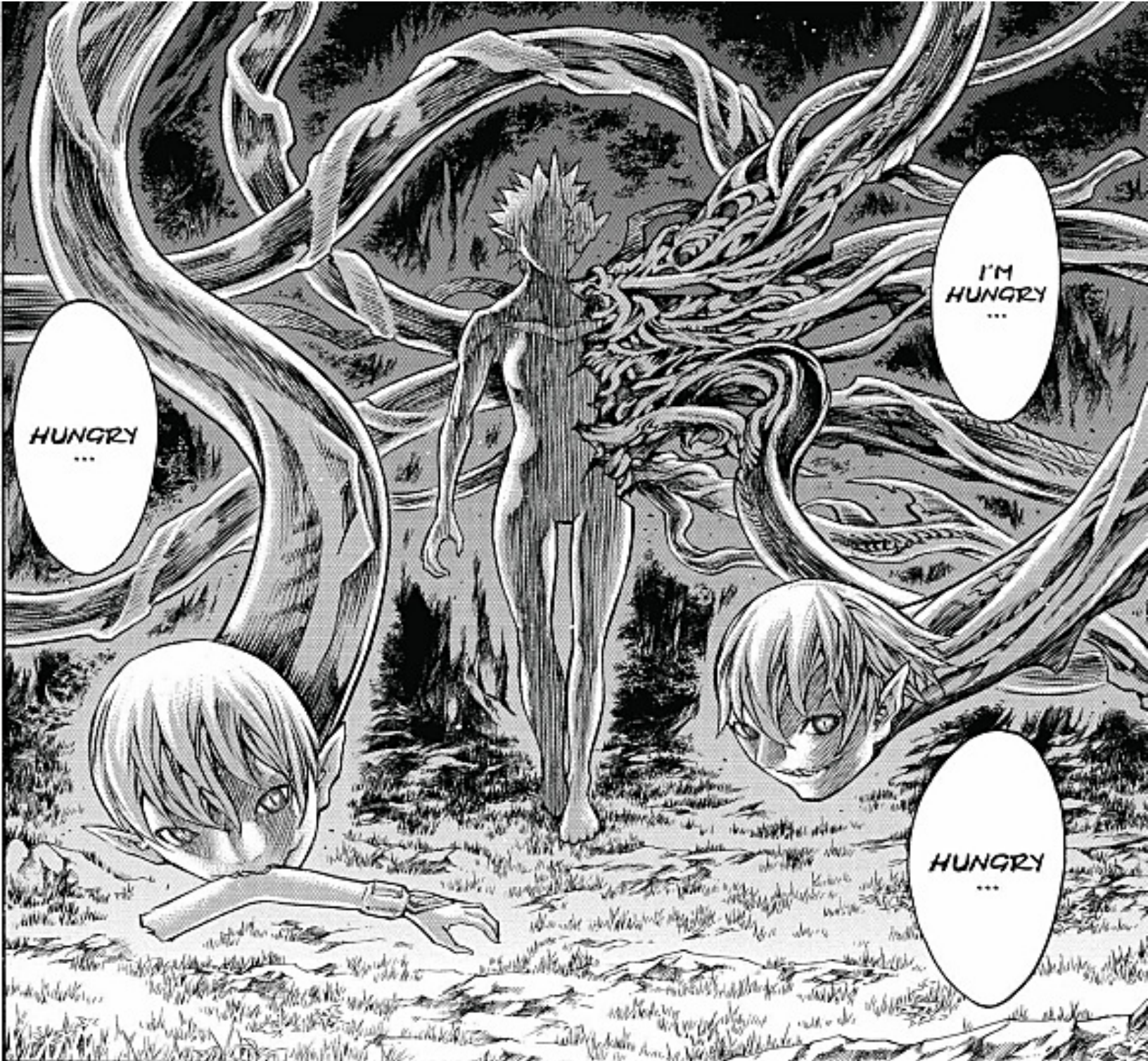
クレイモア
Claymore

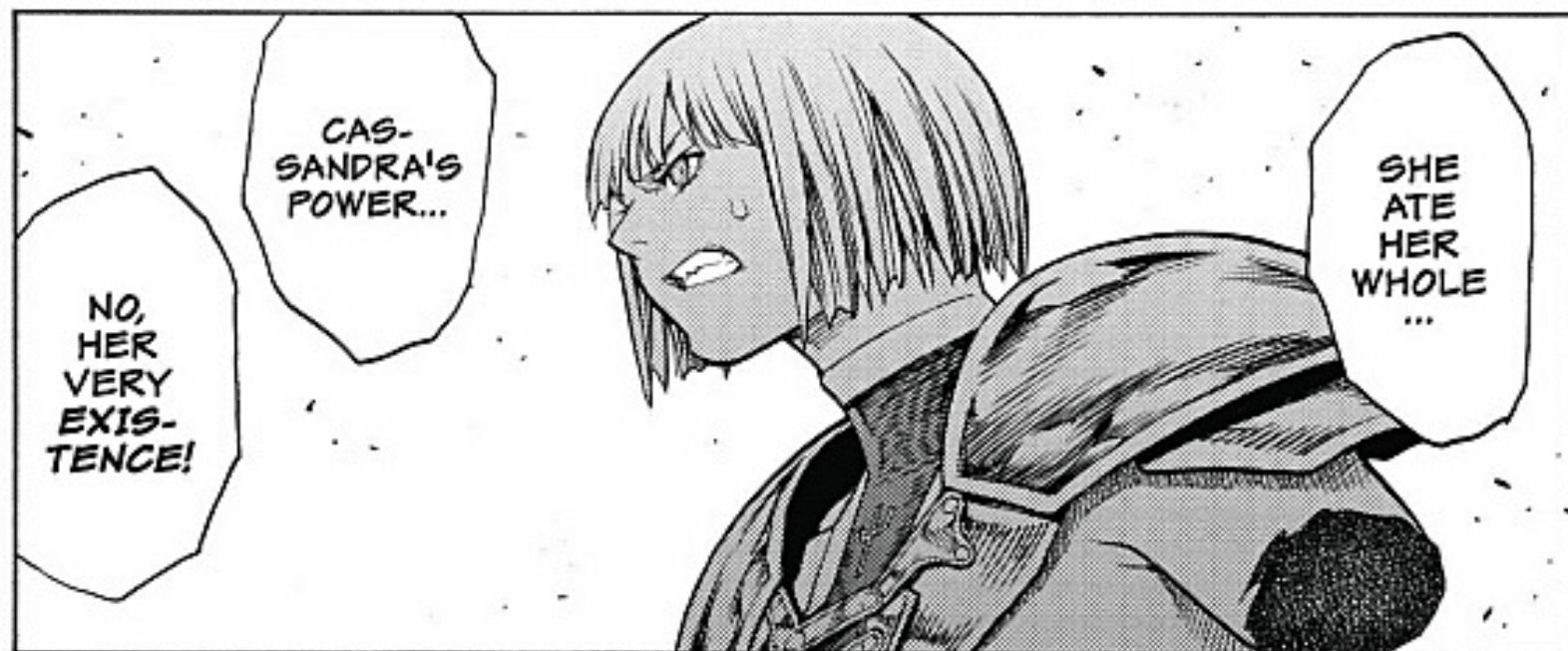
SCENE 149: A BLADE FROM FAR AWAY, PART 6





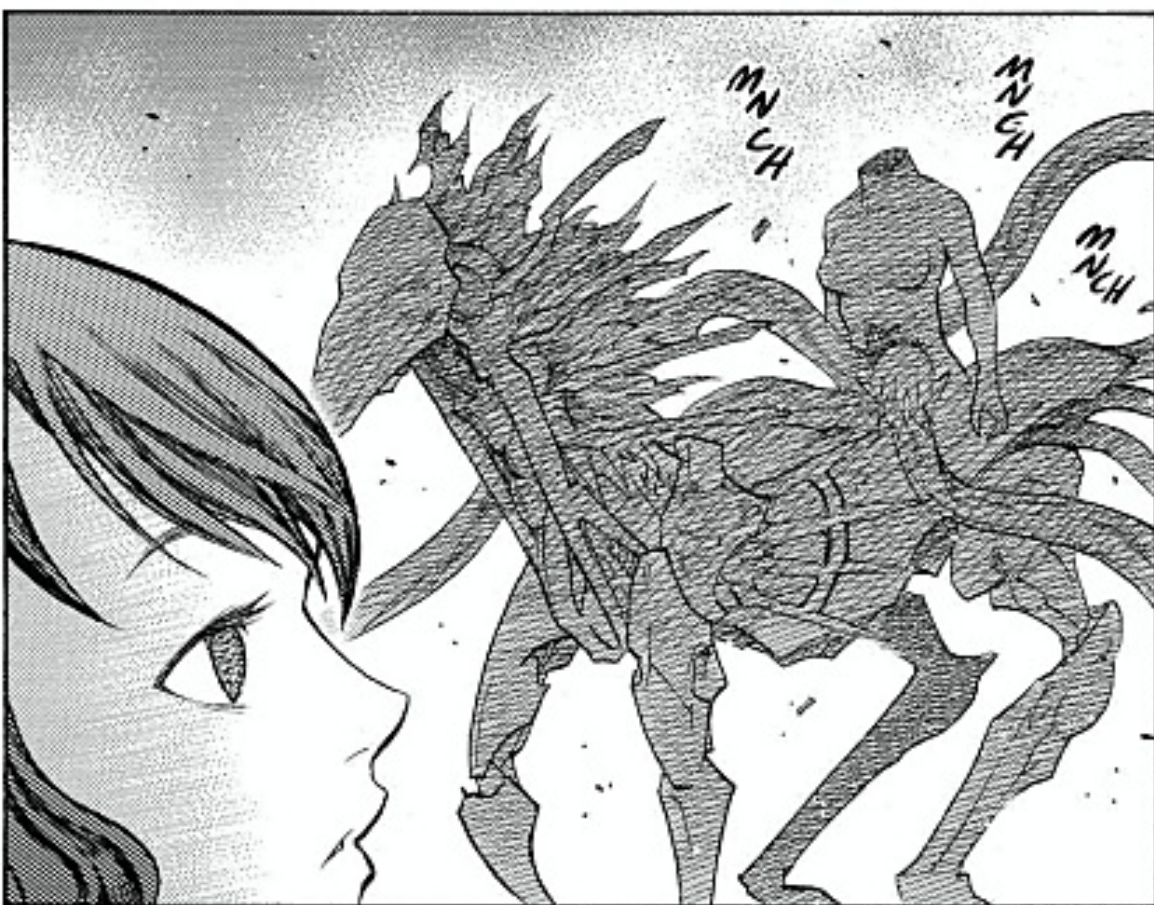
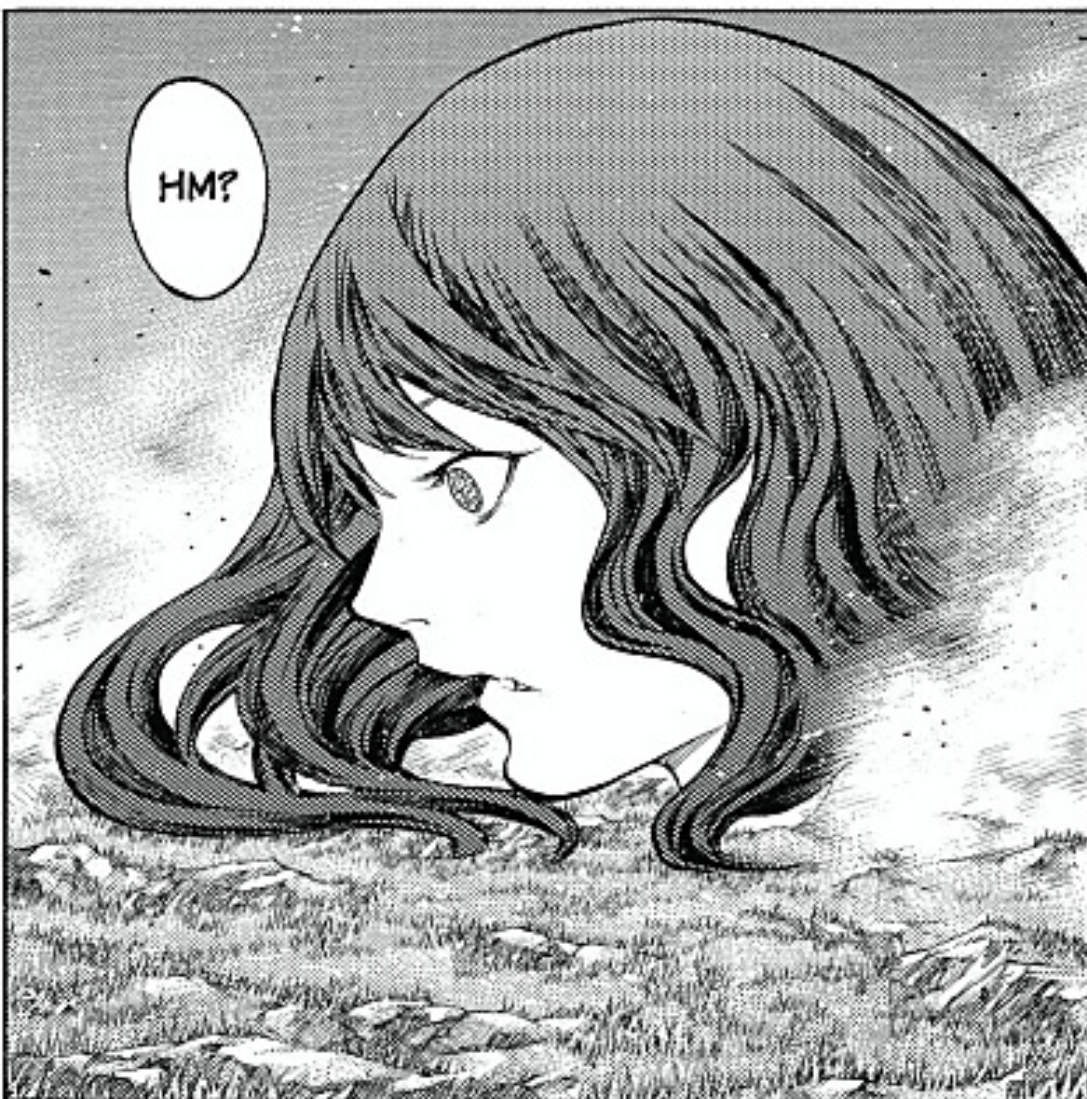


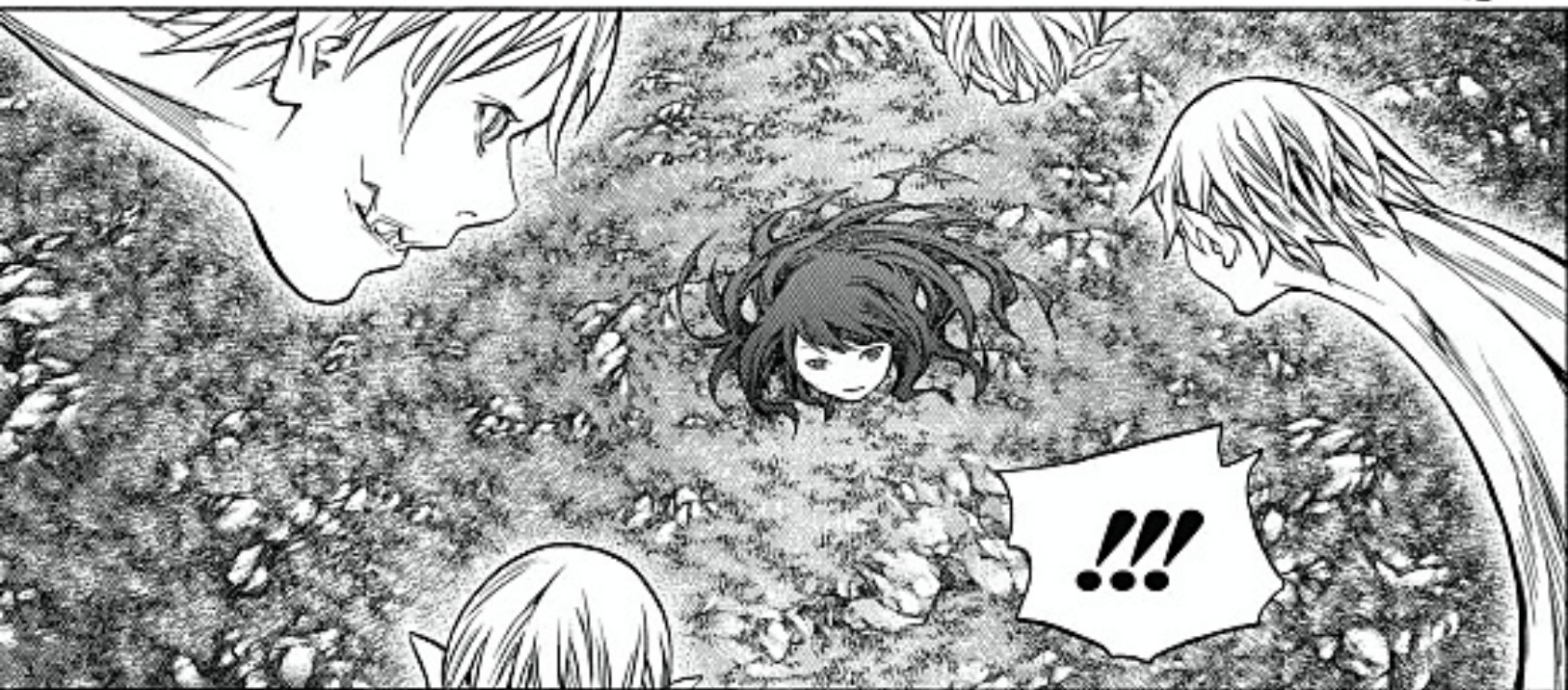




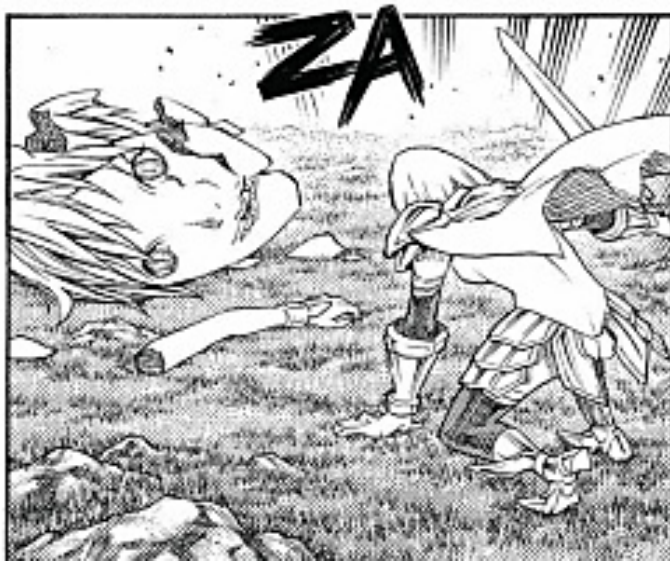
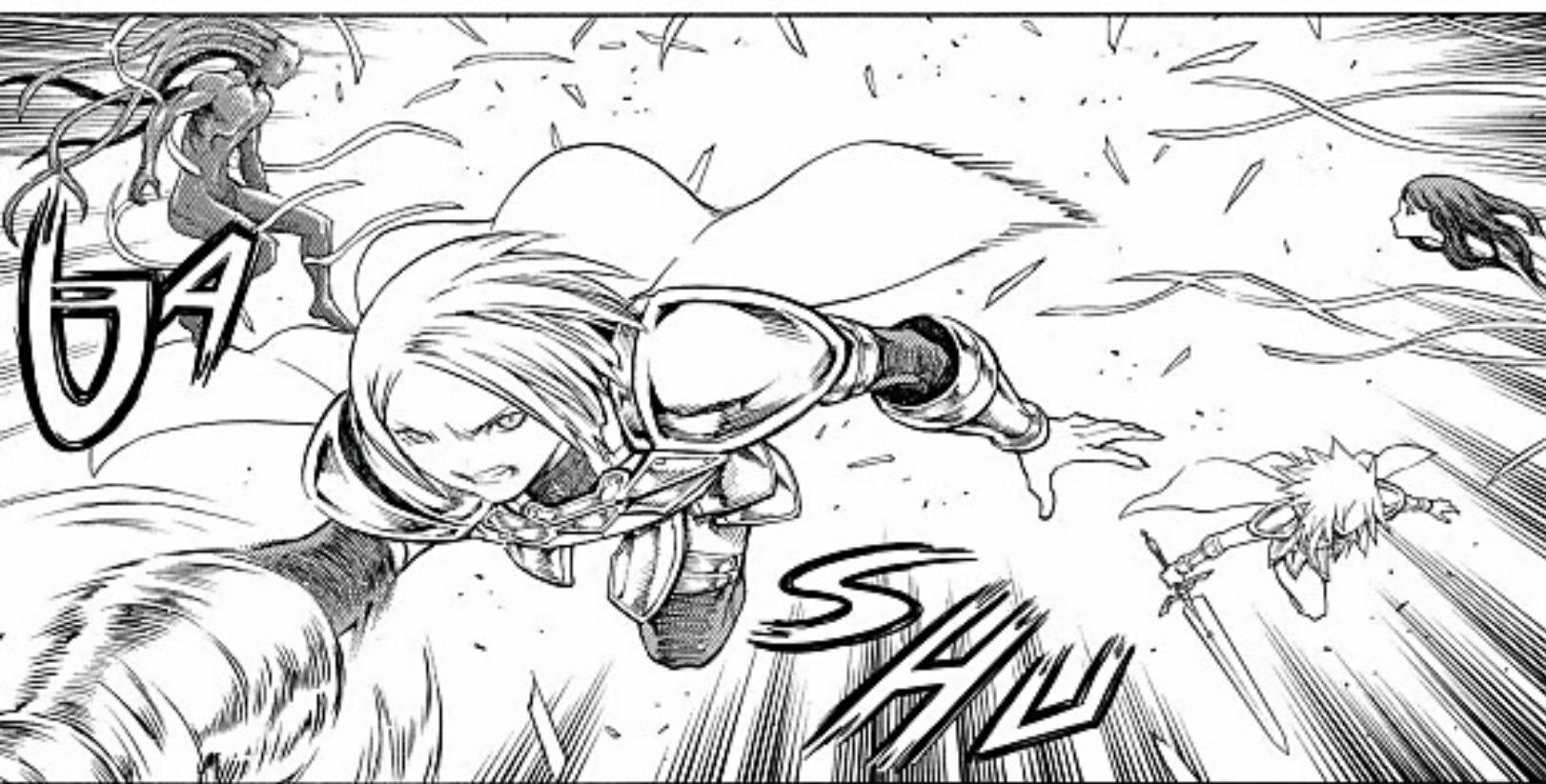


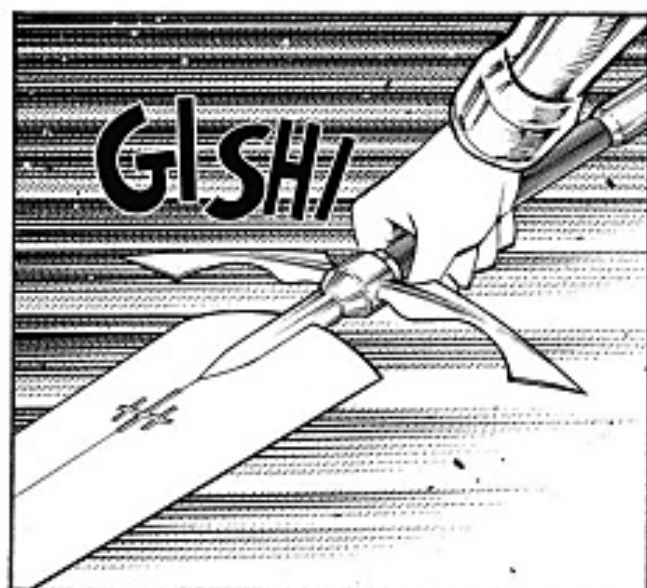


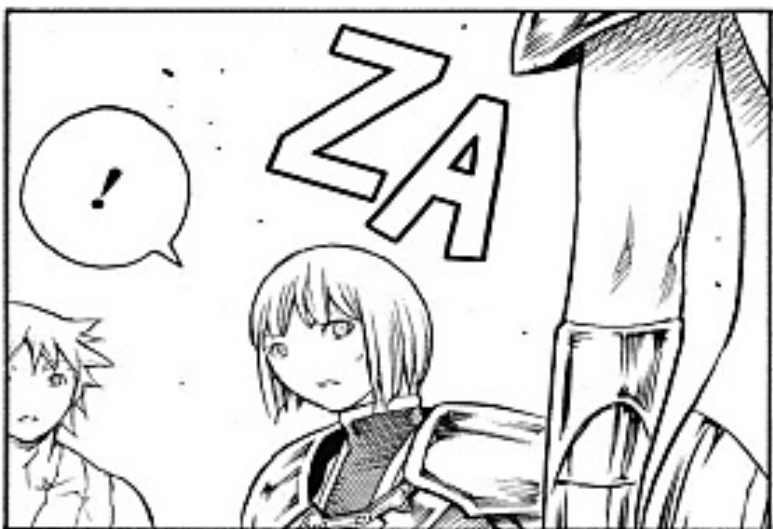










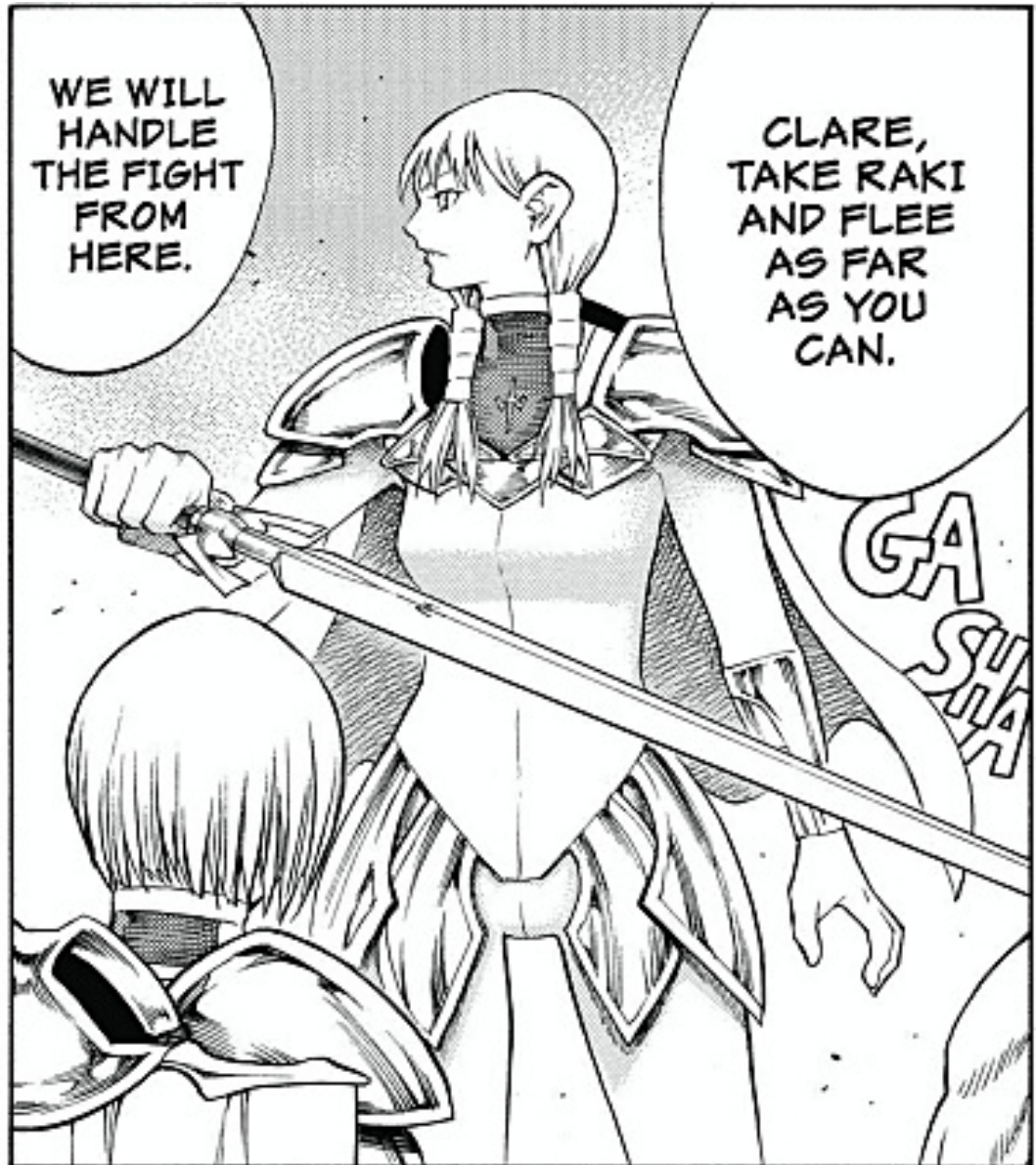




WAIT,
CYN-
THIA!

MY
ARM IS
ALMOST
BACK!

PLEASE!



WE WILL
HANDLE
THE FIGHT
FROM
HERE.

CLARE,
TAKE RAKI
AND FLEE
AS FAR
AS YOU
CAN.

GA
SHIA



THOSE
WITH
STRENGTH
SHOULD
BE IN
FRONT.

YOU AND
CAPTAIN
SPOILED
US.



DID YOU
KNOW?
MY NUMBER
IS NEXT IN
STRENGTH
TO
CAPTAIN
MIRIA'S.

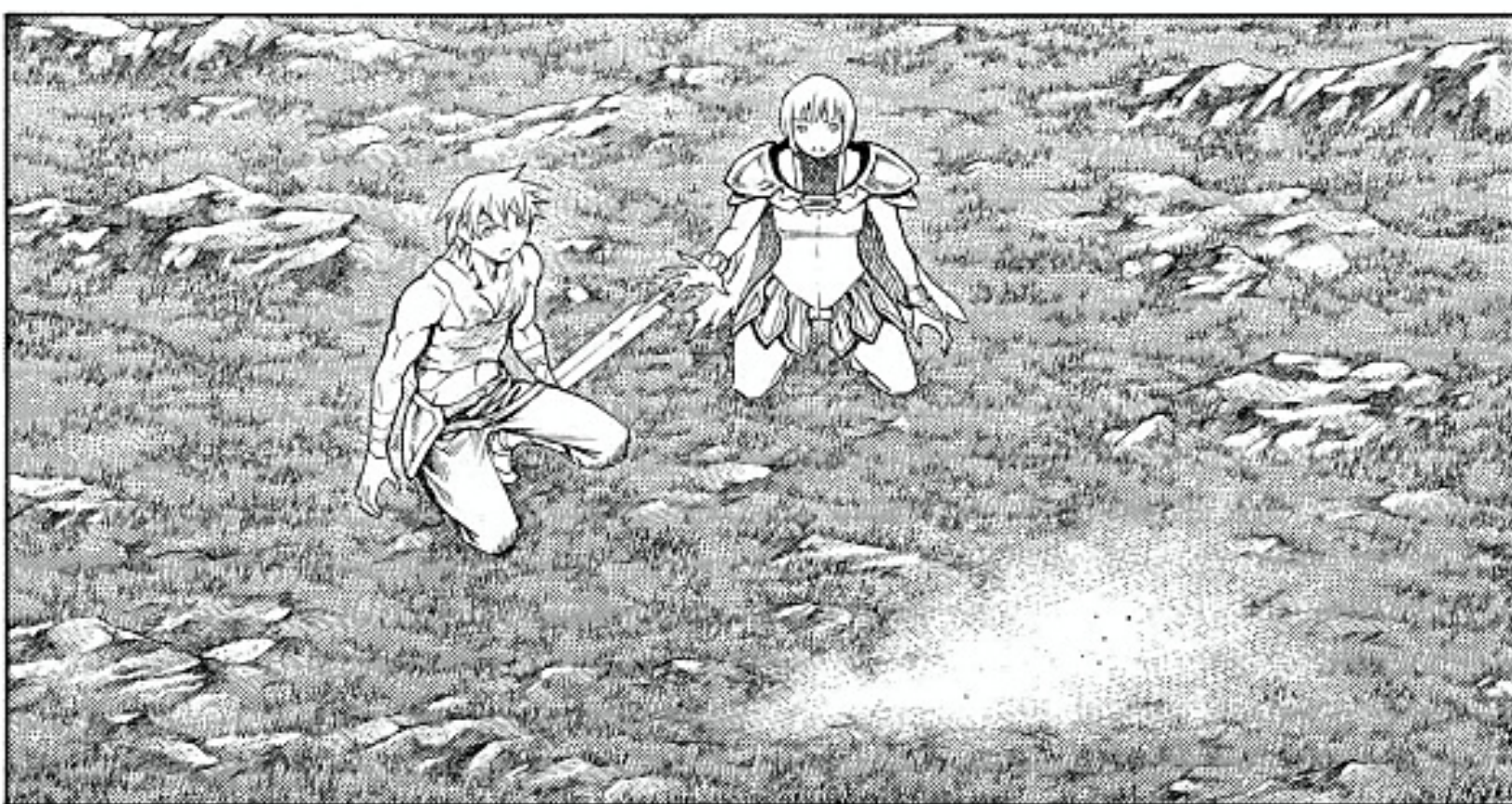
NOW
IT'S
OUR
TURN.

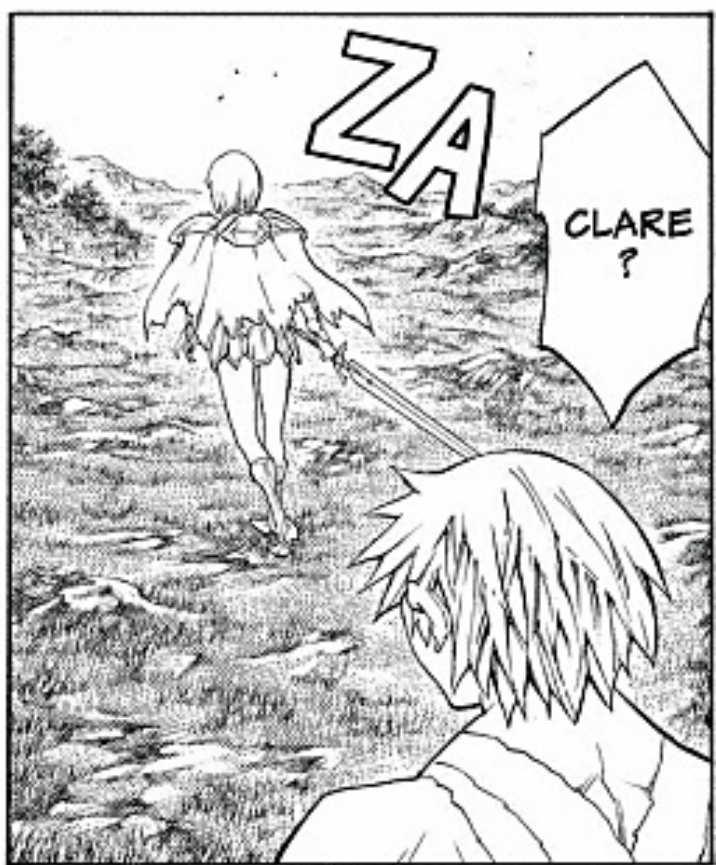
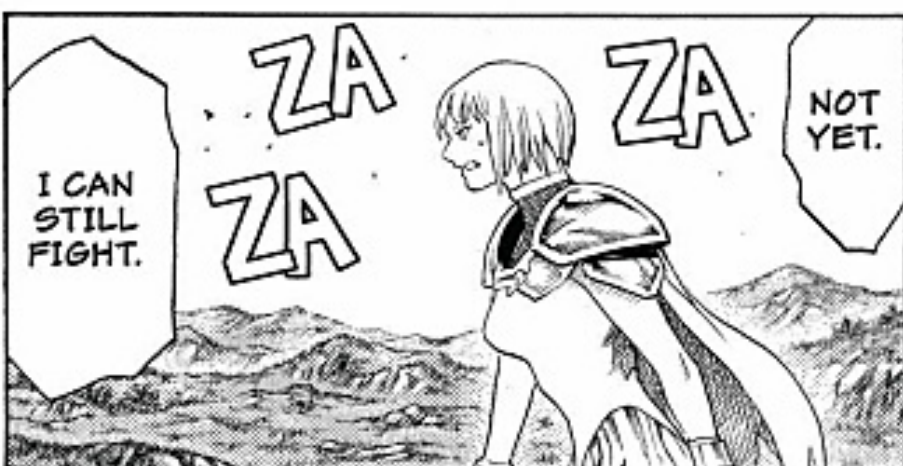


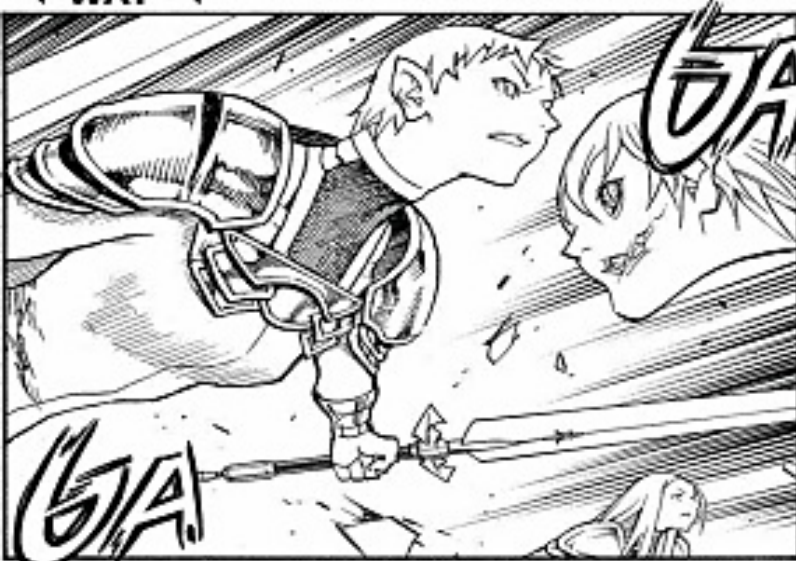
YOU'VE
DONE
ALL YOU
CAN.

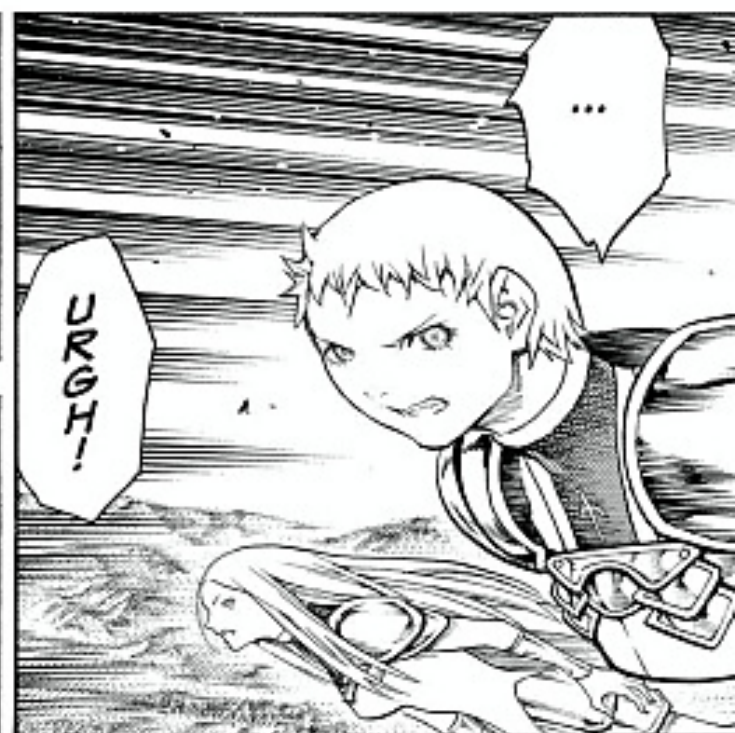
YOU'VE
PACKED
IMMENSE
STRENGTH
...

...INTO THE
VESSEL OF
A NUMBER
47.

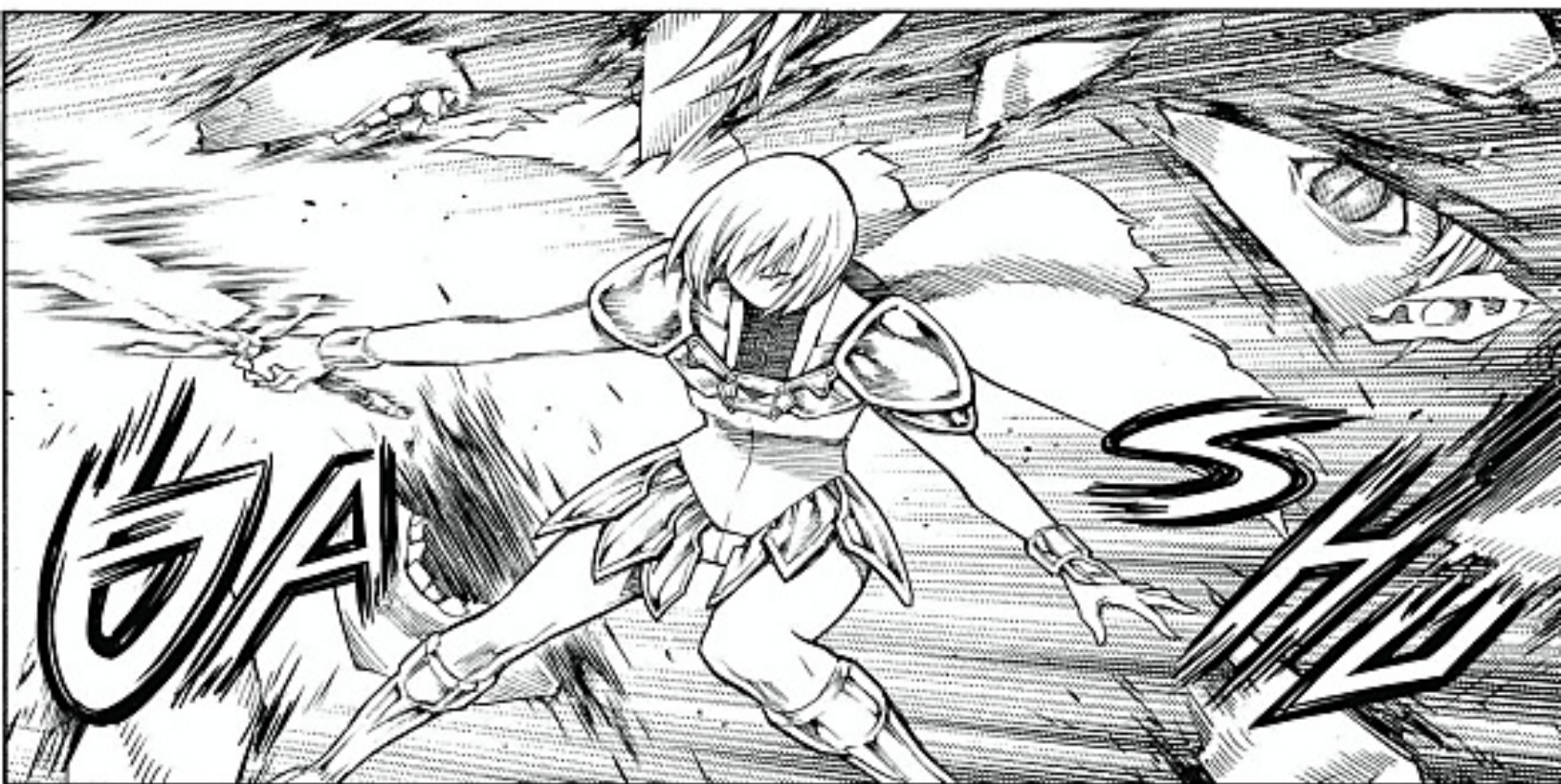


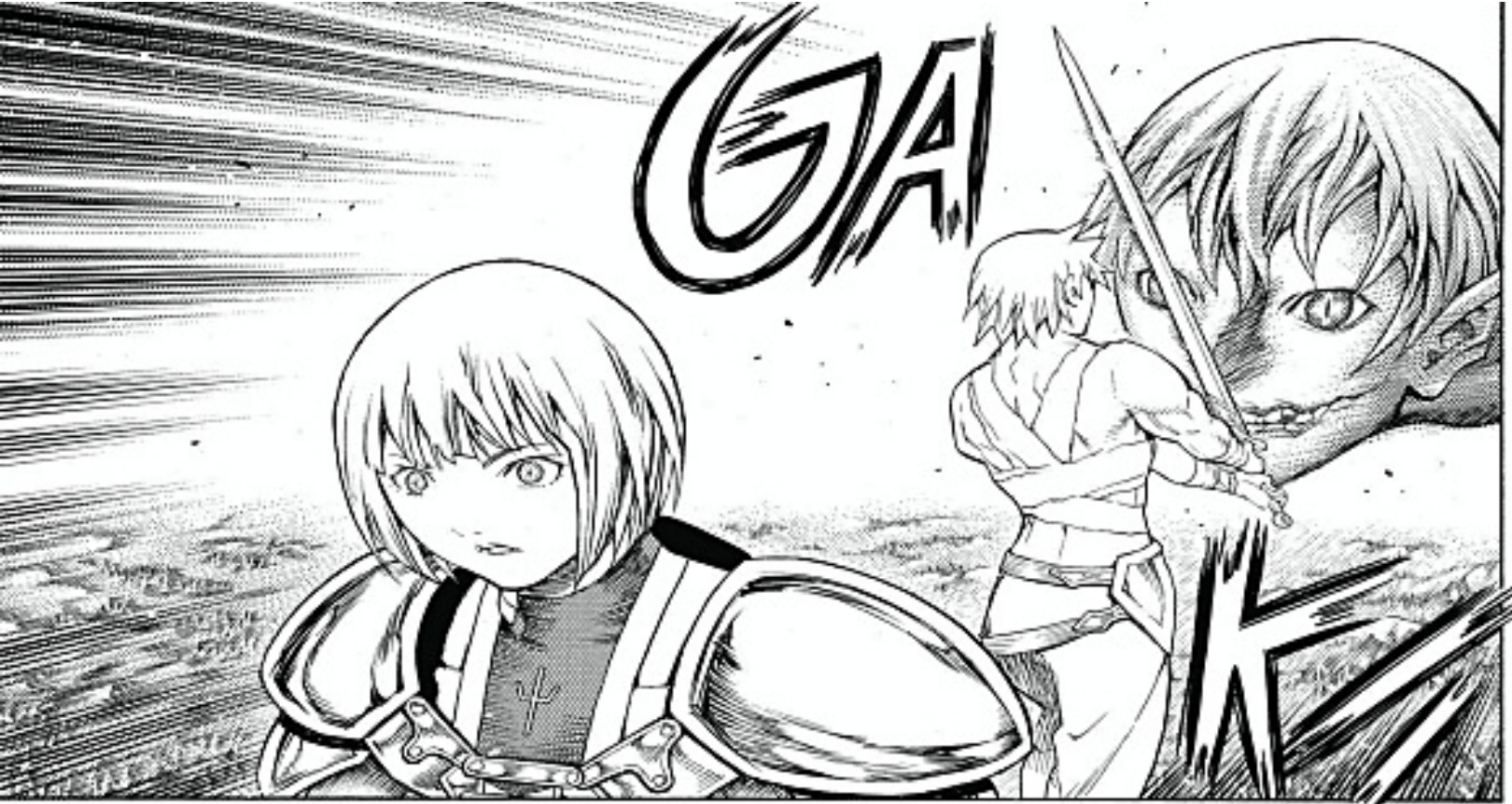


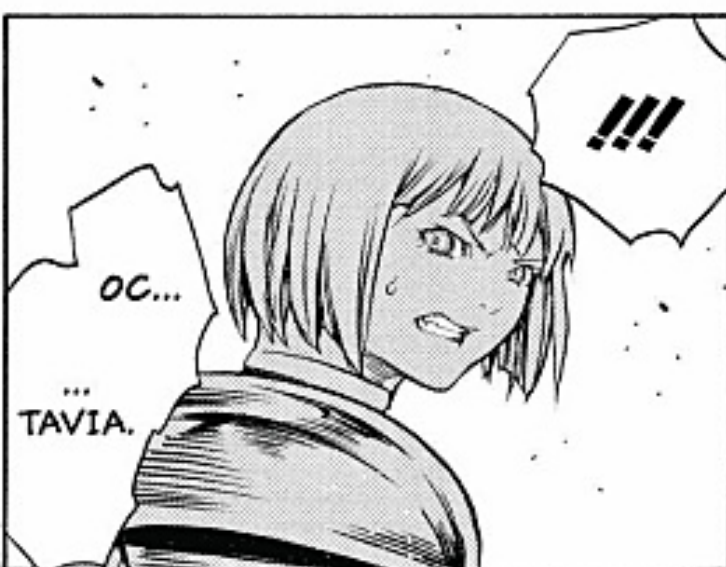






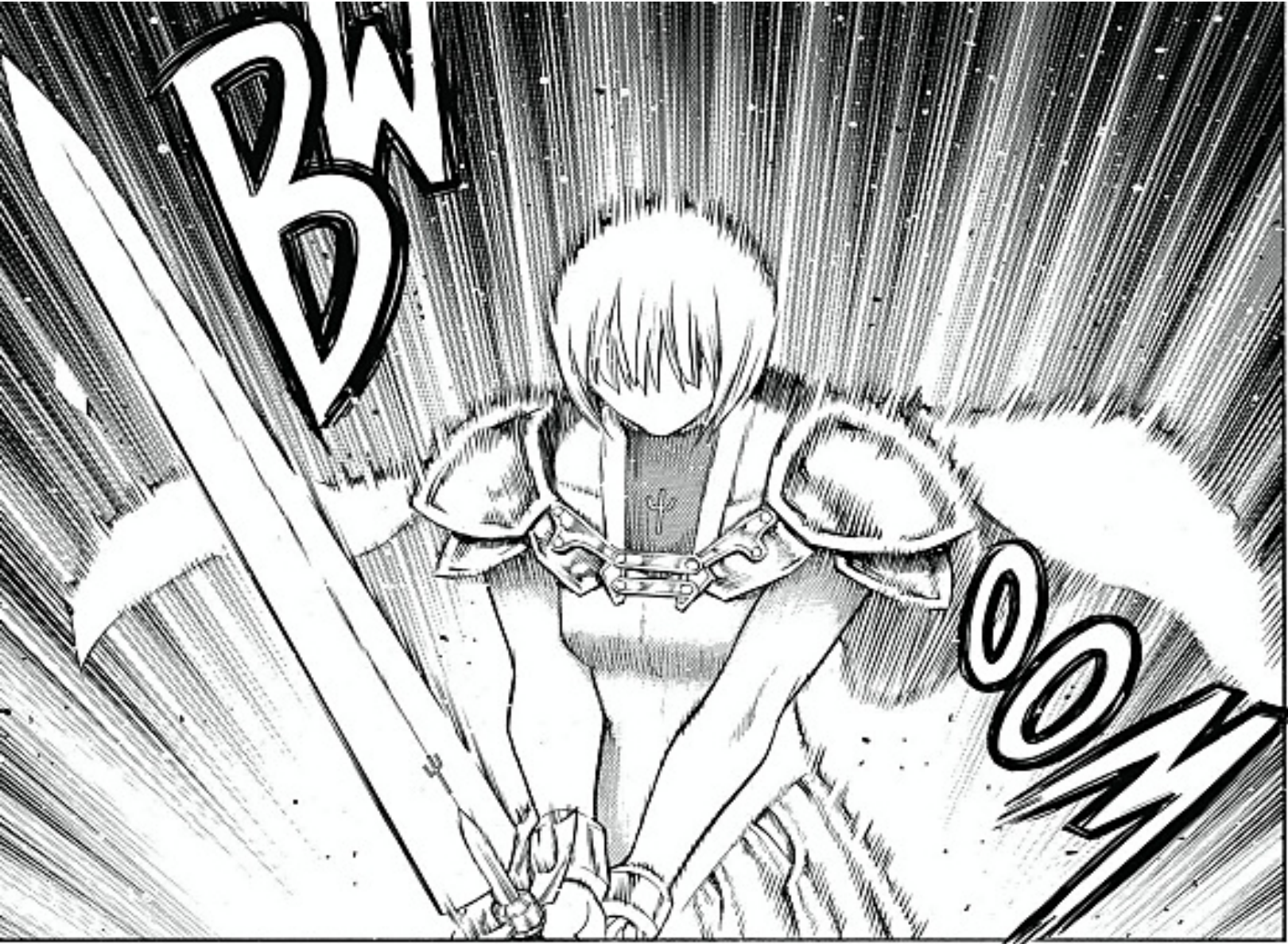








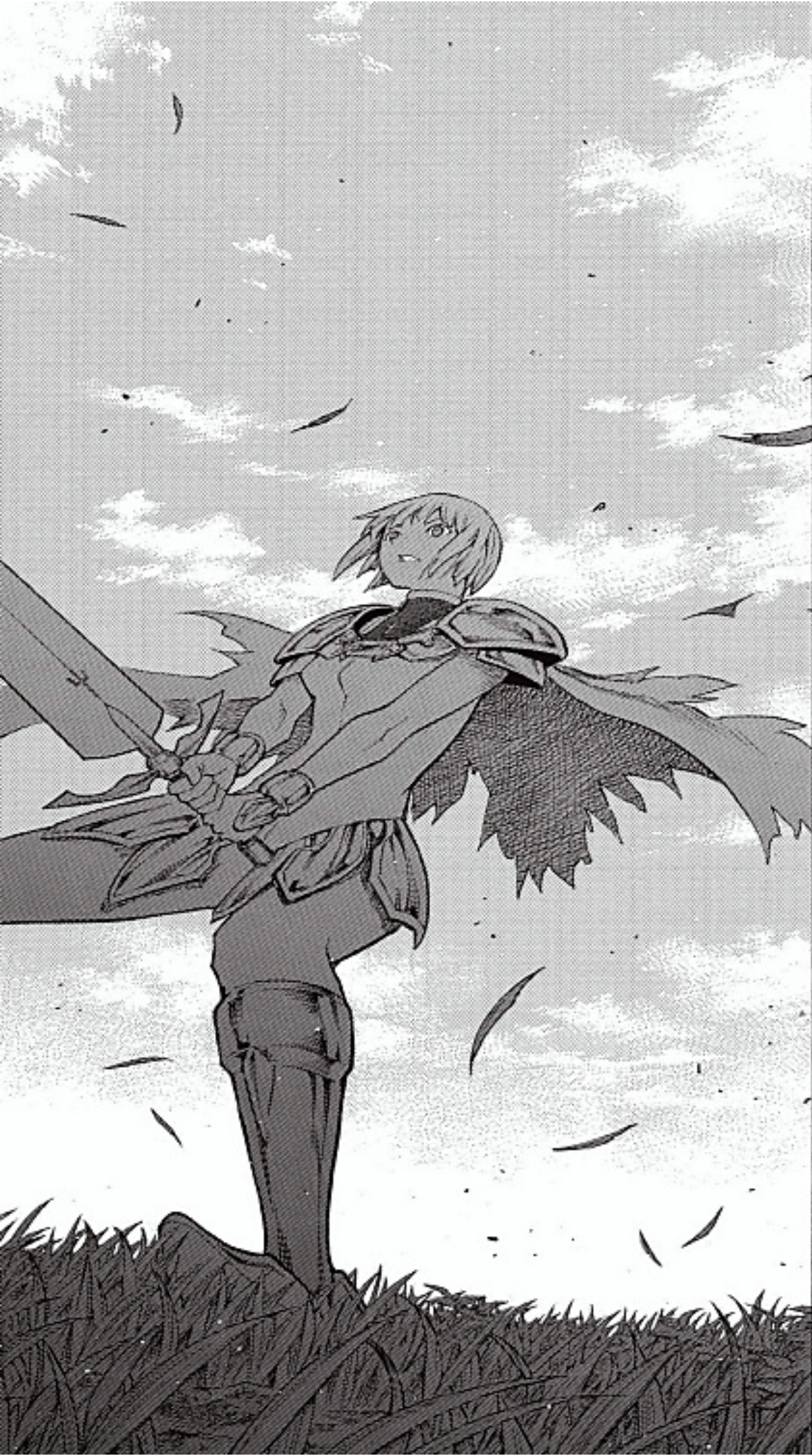






NO?





**YOU
ARE
MAKING
...**

**...A BIG
MISTAKE.**



RAFAELA'S
WORDS
THAT
TIME...



I'M
WRONG?

I'M NOT
THE ONE
TO
AWAKEN?

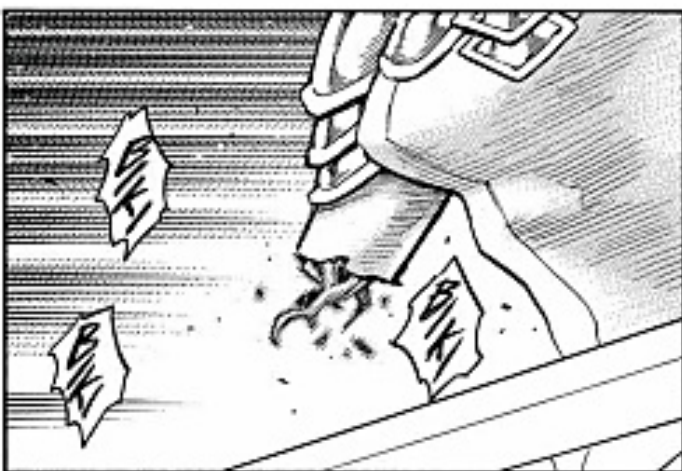


WEREN'T
YOU
GOING...

...TO
AWAKEN
?





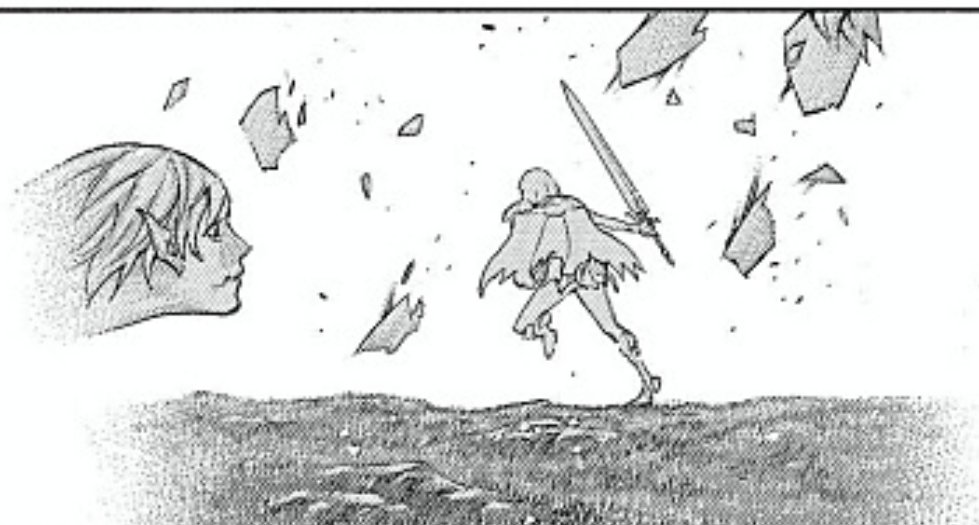


...BECAUSE
THEY HELD
SOMETHING
I MUST
KNOW.

RAFAELA
ENTRUSTED
HER MEMORIES
AND EMOTION
TO ME...

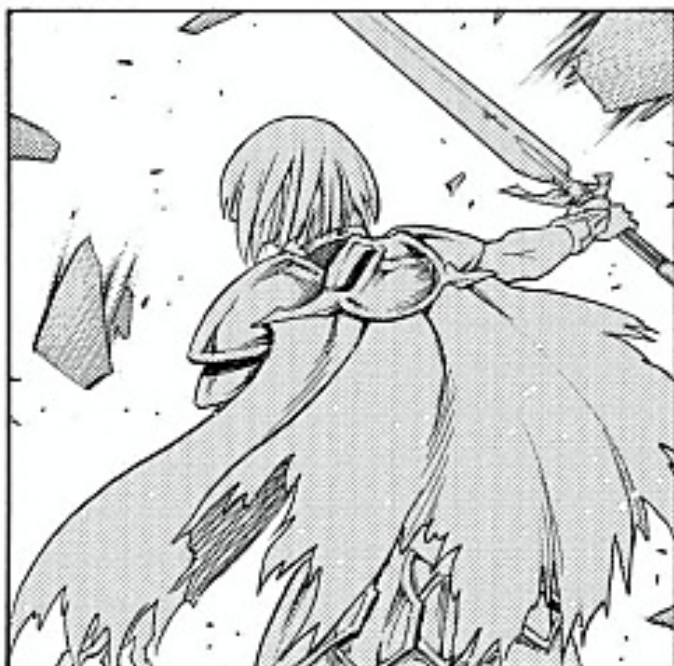


MY BIG
MISTAKE
WAS
TRYING
TO
AWAKEN
UNAWARE
OF THAT
PRESENCE.



WHEN I
STARTED
AWAKENING,
A
PRESENCE
STOPPED
ME.

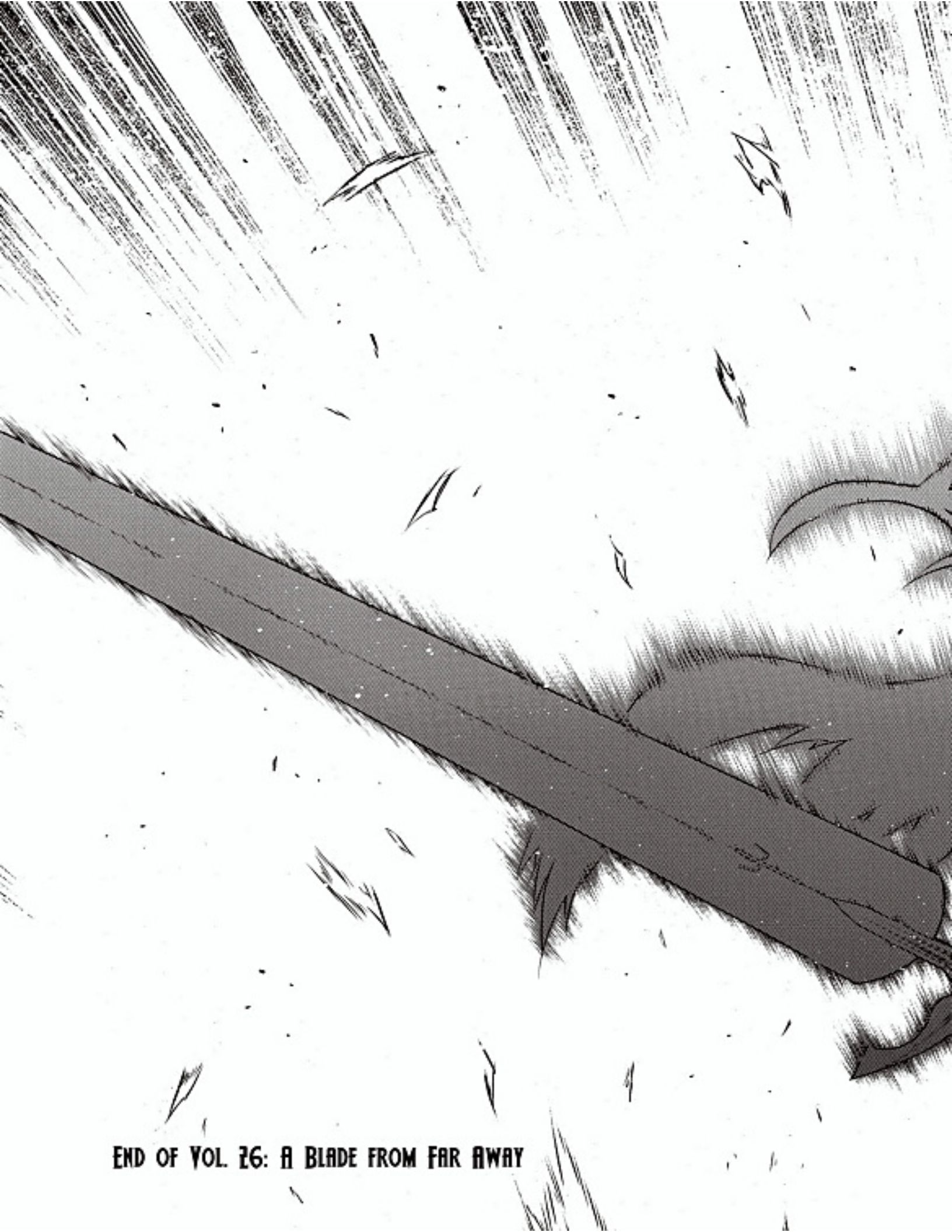
WHAT I
SHOULD
DO IS
USE THAT
AS A
FOUNDATION
AND
FULFILL
RAFAELA'S
ROLE.



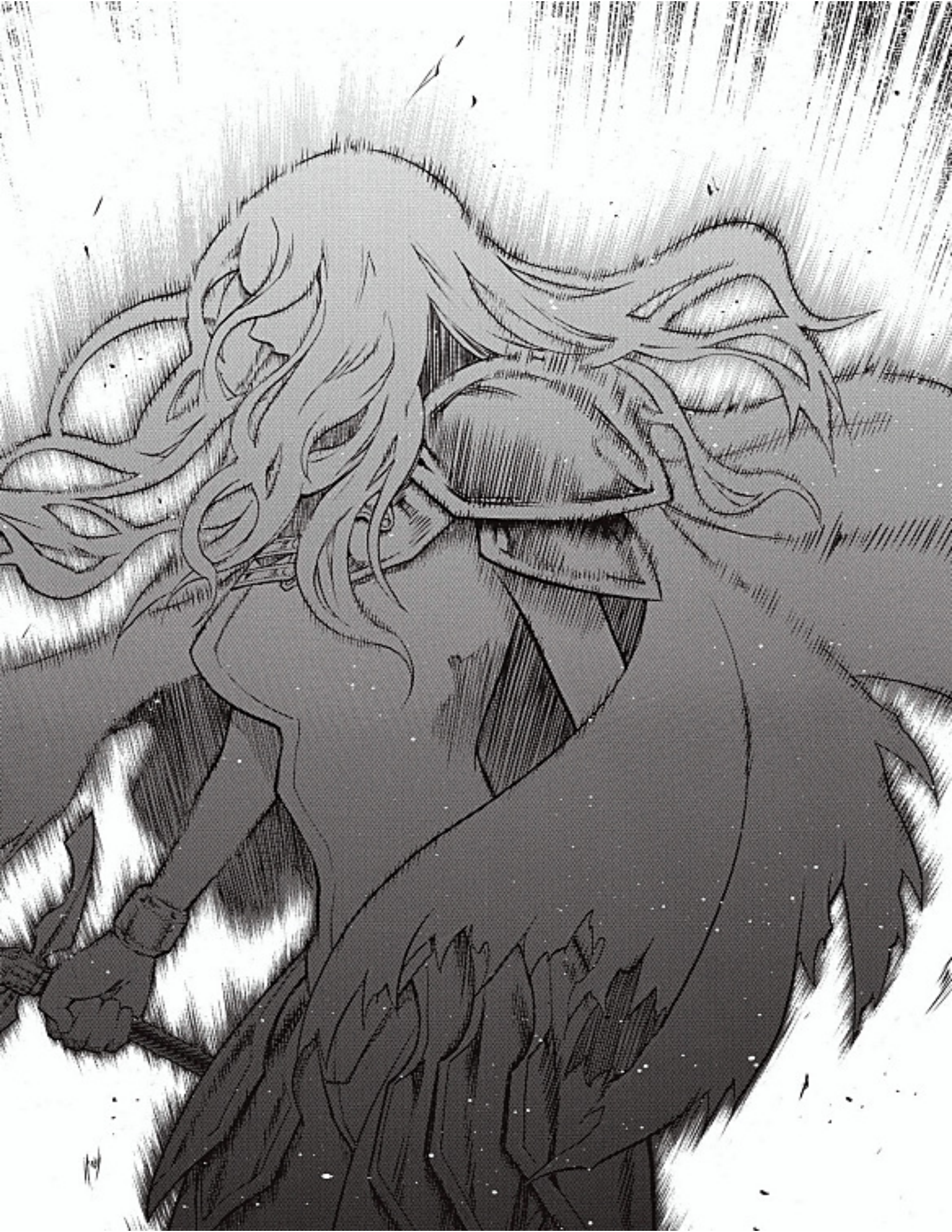
WHAT I
SHOULD
KNOW IS
LUCIELA
AND
RAFAELA'S
SUCCESS
AND
FAILURE.



THE ONE WHO
SHOULD AWAKEN
IS THE ONE
WITHIN ME.



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